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Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, held at Amesbury Mass. fifth mo. 21st 1938

By appointment from the local meetings on Ministry and Oversight, representatives designated to attend this meeting are

from Amesbury, M. Esther Huntington and Elizabeth Peasley

from Lynn, Herman J. Laurence Emma A. Fisher and John N. Mader

from Lawrence, Pauline Burdett, Clara Aitkinson, James A. Mellor

from Boston, George A. Selleck Florence Selleck Anslow Comstock, Blanche R. Howland.

These Friends, with one exception are in attendance.

Minutes of the last meeting have been read.

On October 13, 1937 the clerk of Lynn Monthly Meeting forwarded the names of Katie B. Coffin and Emma A. Fisher as elders to serve for three years, beginning January first 1938. Due to delay in the mail because of the necessity to forward, the communication was not at hand to be acted upon on the 16th and was overlooked at the January meeting. With regret that this delay has occurred, the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight now approves these appointments, the local meeting to be duly notified.

The name of Joseph O Beatty as elder, from Lawrence, has been forwarded for the approval of the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. This name is approved.

Representatives to the yearly Meeting on Ministry and

Oversight, from Salem Quarterly meeting of Ministry and Oversight are,

George A. Selleck, John N. Mader,
A. Ella Clark, Edward A. Kelsey.
Mabel C. Moody

matters of spiritual import have been considered.

No further business needing to be transacted at this time, we adjourn, to meet at Lynn 8th mo. 20th

Mabel C. Moody, clerk

Salem Quarterly Meeting for Ministry and Oversight, held at Lynn 8th mo. 20th 1938

In the absence of the clerk, Gertrude F. Smith was asked to fill the vacancy for the day.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The representatives from Amesbury, were Marion E. Kelsey and A. Edward Kelsey
Boston, Anslow W. Comstock, Chester C. Smith, Gertrude F. Smith
Laura M. Oakley.
Lawrence, Clara Atkinson and Pauline Burdett
Lynn, Katie B. Coffin, Emma A. Gove, Bertha Simpson
of whom all were present except two.

The following minute was received from Amesbury Mo. Meeting:
"~~We are~~ At Amesbury Monthly Meeting of Friends, held at Amesbury, Massachusetts 7th mo. 26th

1938, the following minute was made:

Our friend, A. Edward Kelsey, a minister of Amesbury Monthly Meeting of Salem Quarter in the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, has signified his intention of attending some of the sessions of North Carolina Yearly Meeting. This meeting heartily unites with his concern, and trusts that the blessing of God may rest upon any service which may open for him.

Marion E. Kelsey, clerk

Endorsed by Effie Osborne, clerk of Salem Quarterly Meeting and by Mabel C. Moody, clerk of the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry & Oversight."

We are glad to record this minute and unite in approving the action of Amesbury Monthly Mtg. in furnishing this minute.

A. Edward Kelsey brought us an enthusiastic report of the live and growing North Carolina Yearly Meeting. He also shared

with us his concern for the religious care of our meetings through visits by elders, overseers and concerned Friends to families of the meeting. Are we using our opportunities for the upbuilding of the religious life of our people?

Our representatives to Yearly Meeting report attendance uneven.

No further business appearing, we adjourn, purposing to meet at Lawrence in 11th mo.

Gertrude F. Smith
clerk for the day

Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at Lawrence 10th mo. 14th 1938.

Minutes of the last meeting have been read.

Representatives appointed to attend this meeting are:
from Amesbury, M. Esther Huntington
Marion E. Kelsey
Boston, George A. Selleck, Gertrude F. Smith, Florence M. Selleck
Anslow Comstock
Lawrence, Pauline Burdett, Jos. Beatty
Lynn, Bertha E. Simpson, Emma A. Fisher, John N. Mader
Weare

These Friends are in attendance except four, for whose absence reasons are given.

Friends from Lynn Mo. meeting proposed as elders to serve for three years, are, Ethel S. Austin, Harriet McLean, and A. Ella Clark.

The appointment of these Friends by the Monthly meeting is approved by this meeting, the clerk to notify the local meeting.
We are Monthly meeting forwards the names of Alfred Osborne and Julia S. Reade, to serve as elders for three years. The appointment of these Friends is approved and the clerk shall so inform the local meeting.

Wilbur K. Thomas acceptably present, has impressed upon us the responsibility of encouraging those who may develop in the ministry. Wilbur Kamp spoke as follows: The purpose of preaching is to build stronger foundations for Christian Faith. A sense of human failure and need, common to all, should be met with preaching of the Gospel. It is a sense of need that brings about a revival of Christian faith. The world needs a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

Business being concluded and time for the next meeting being upon us, we adjourn, purposing to meet in 1st Month at the established time.

Mabel C. Moody clerk

Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held in Cambridge Mass. First mo. 21, 1939.

By appointment from local meetings on Ministry and Oversight, representatives to this meeting are, from

Amesbury, Ruth E. Osborne, A Edward Kelsey

Boston, Anstow Comstock and George Selleck

Lawrence, Pauline Burdett, Helena Proudlove

Lynn - W. Carlton Jones, Emma G. Fisher, & Ella Clark, Ethel S. Austin.

These Friends are in attendance except one.

The minutes of our meeting in Lawrence have been read.

A communication from Amesbury Monthly Meeting held 1st mo. 5, 1939 recommends Alice D. Brown, S. Abbie Gove and Mabel R. Folsom as elders for a period of three years. These Friends are acceptable to this meeting and the monthly meeting shall be so informed.

Boston Monthly Meeting submits for our approval the following nominations

for elders to serve for three years: Ethel M. Jones, Halford L. Hoskins. These nominations are approved, and the local meeting shall be notified to proceed with the appointments.

Mabel C. Moody has been named from the floor to continue as clerk for one year. This is approved.

Lynchburg Meeting informs us that they have recorded the passing of Katherine M. Goddard, an elder, on 12th mo. 30th 1938. Her consecrated life is recalled by the members of this meeting with a feeling of rededication of our own lives.

Boston Monthly Meeting addresses the following memorial to us:

"We record with sorrow the passing of our friend Laura M. Oakley, on 1st mo. 10th 1939. She was a valuable member of Boston Monthly Meeting for twenty six years, having served as Overseer of the Meeting for the past seven years. For many years she was clerk of our Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, a position which

she filled with faithfulness, even during these past few years when her strength was failing. In her quiet and modest life we felt a strength of character and faith which was an inspiration to the many who knew her, and her passing leaves us with a keen sense of loss."

Friends of New England Yearly Meeting from Westerly Rhode Island have met jointly with us at this time and spiritual fellowship has been profitable. The Queries from both forms of the Discipline have been read, and thoughtfully considered: also Advices from Faith and Practice of our Westerly Friends. We feel keenly the responsibility that rests upon us in service to our fellowmen.

In love and Christian fellowship the meeting adjourned.

Mabel C. Moody clerk.

Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. held in Amesbury Mass. Fifth mo. 20, 1939

In the absence of the Clerk, Gertrude F. Smith was appointed to serve.

Representatives from our several meetings were as follows.

Lynn, Harriet E. McLean, Emma A. Tucker
A. Ella Clark, John F. Maides
Lawrence, Emma Crabtree, Pauline Bundett
Boston, George G. Lellick, Gertrude F. Smith
all of whom are present.

A letter from the Young Friends Committee on Peace & Social Order was read, with Query and Advice as follows.

Query! "Christ accepted the crime of mankind as His burden, and suffered to emancipate men from them. Do we share His concern for all mankind, accepting responsibility for the evils of our society, and sacrificing to save our generation from its folly?

Do we feel a personal guilt, or do we

merely signal the plagues of racial discrimination, poverty born not of work but of the unwieldy economy, hate between nations, and war!
If we would follow Jesus, recognizing the world's sins as ours, would we not bend our whole efforts to eliminating these evils, without counting the cost - losing our lives to find abundant life for all?
Advice: Christ taught us that "No man can serve two masters - ye cannot serve God and mammon." Current events are helping to demonstrate this truth, as the worship of mammon becomes more open and intolerant. Neither can we cast out devils with devils as some would seek to do. Rather, if we would be true Christians we must take the way of the Cross and suffer for the sins of our world. To practice Christianity today is to risk social ostracism as even

typical violence - for granting equality to unfortunate racial minorities and for insisting that equal treatment be given Negroes, Jews, Italians and other groups. In seeking a more Christian economic order we may face loss of wealth and social position. In time of peace we should be willing to accept the stigma of "pacifist" "coward" a "slacker" for opposing preparation and for meditation of murder - war - and in time of war, imprisonment or death for refusing to yield our loyalty from God to government. Do we really accept the challenge of the Cross?"

This was considered carefully. Friends felt that it should be commended to thought and activity and felt that the true spirit of loyalty in facing the problems of today may have encouraging to other groups of

Friends. He thought that while we may endure hardship for our faith, we are following the greatest of all leaders and should look forward in faith and hope Emmanuel, nor else afraid.

Refreshments served to Yearly Meeting on Thursday and Overnight were appointed to Geo. E. Selleck, Ed. Edward Reilly, & Ella Clark, Ethel Broome and Pauline Burdett.

Adjourned, purposing to meet at place appointed Home 2pm. next eighth month.

Gertrude F. Smith.

Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at Lynn, Eighth mo. 19, 1939
Representatives from local meeting on Ministry and Oversight, are
Amesbury, M. Jane Davis, Ruth E. Osborne
Boston, Clinton C. Smith, Gertrude Smith
Lawrence
Lynn, Harriet E. MacLean, Emma A. Fisher, Ethel S. Austin, and A. Ella Clark
Reading of minutes of last meeting at Amesbury in Fifth mo. has been omitted.
Representatives to the session of the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, Report having attended.
A request from Lawrence in Fifth mo. which was not presented because the clerk was detained at home and the records were not at hand, has been considered at this time. The name of Clara Atkinson was presented as an elder. The monthly meeting having united with this suggestion,

this meeting approves the appointment.

Reports from local meetings are considered. Our friend James Coney being present, letters of condolence in Lancaster meeting. James Wilde and Rebecca Wilde have been invited to co-operate with Lost Brook Monthly Meeting in holding meetings or rendering other service, desiring thereby to awaken interest among other Friends because of Whittier associations, makes it appear that some work can be carried on. In feeling of need we commend that members of this body pray that the will of the Lord may be understood in this work.

The meeting felt a sense of weight for the troubles of the world, and welcome greatly that our faith in the Redemption of good, may be strengthened remembering the statement of Isaiah that we should live in the

power of that life that taketh away
the occasion of wars.

The meeting adjourned to meet in
North Weare Tenth mo. 21st

Mabel C. Moody, Clerk

Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held in Weare, Tenth mo. 21, 1939.

Minutes have been read of the meeting in Eighth mo.

Representatives from local meetings are

Lawrence – Pauline Burdett, Jos. Batty
Lynn – John N. Mader, Herman J. Lawrence, Ethel S. Austin
Boston – Louisa Prescott, Chester C. Smith
Amesbury – Ruth E. Osborne, Elizabeth Peaslee.

Boston Monthly Meeting requests approval of Florence M. Selleck, Onslow W. Comstock, and Edna C. Haviland to serve as elders for three years beginning 1st mo. 1st 1940. The appointment of these Friends is approved.

Lynn Meeting forwards the following names of Friends to serve as elders for a term of three years:

Bertha E. Simson, W. Carlton Jones.
The appointment of these elders is approved.

The following have been named, to bring in the name in First mo. of a Friend to serve as clerk of this meeting: George A. Selleck, and W. Carlton Jones.

Consideration has been given the subject of freedom of speech in our meetings for worship, where others than friends feel free to take part, particularly where the subject of war may be presented to the exclusion of other phases of our Christian testimony. Elders who exercise their concerns for the spiritual tone of meetings should be able to guide the trend, in these situations.

Meeting adjourned to meet in First month at Cambridge Massachusetts.

Mabel C. Moody clerk

Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held in Cambridge Mass. First mo. 20, 1940 the Queries have been read.

Minutes of the last meeting have been read.

By appointment from local meetings on Ministry and Oversight, representatives to this meeting are, from
Amesbury, James Wilde, Rebecca Wilde
Lawrence, Helena Proudlove, James Pearson.
Lynn, Harriet E. Mac Lean, Ethel S. Austin
Perry Van Dyke
Boston Gertrude F. Smith, Geo. A. Selleck
These friends are in attendance except three.

We are local meeting sends the names of Frank W. Eaton, Leon. E. Reade and Edith J. Hunt as suitable persons to serve as elders. These nominations are approved.

The committee appointed to bring in the name of a Friend to serve as clerk of this meeting is continued until our next meeting.

a communication has been read from Lynn local meeting on Ministry and Oversight, requesting the appointment of Alfred Osborne, Winslow H. Osborne, Wilbur W. Kamp, and Lyra T. Watkins as a committee to study with members of the local meeting, a problem which requires wise and definite action. The appointment of this committee has been approved. Our prayers should attend the service, that wisdom and love may be given from above.

James Wilde and Rebecca Wilde in attendance for the first time as members of this Quarterly Meeting are welcomed. James Wilde has spoken of the work at Amesbury which they have undertaken in the spirit of devout service. Rebecca Wilde finds opportunity to visit the elderly in the community and hopes for an opening to start a Bible School. We trust

Work in Amesbury being done by these Friends, will serve increasingly as a contribution of Friends to the local religious life.

During this Meeting, Queries have been read by the Clerk of Ministry and Oversight of the Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting. The presence of Friends from this neighboring Meeting, and the Queries from their discipline have strengthened and refreshed our spirit.

The Meeting adjourned to reconvene in Amesbury the third 7th day of Fifth month.

Mabel C. Moody clerk

Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight was held at Amesbury Mass. on Fifth Month, 18th, 1940.

The minutes of the last meeting have been read and approved.

By appointment from the local Meetings on Ministry & Oversight, representatives have been appointed to this meeting as follows:

From Lawrence - James Barton
From Amesbury - James Wild
Rebecca Wild.
From Lynn - Harriet E MacLean
& Ella Clark
Herman J. Lawrence
From Boston - George A. Selleck
Louisa Prescott.

A communication has been read from Lawrence Monthly Meeting proposing the name of John E. Peacock to serve that meeting in the station of Elder for three years. We approve this nomination, and direct the clerk to inform Lawrence Monthly Meeting of our action.

The committee appointed in tenth month last and continued at our meeting in First Month, for the purpose of nominating a Clerk for this meeting to serve until First Month 1941, bring forward the name of Wilbur W. Kamp. This nomination meets with the approval of the Meeting, and Wilbur W. Kamp is appointed Clerk until First Month 1941.

The committee appointed at the last meeting in response to a request from Lynn local meeting on Ministry and Oversight have reported that they have attended to their duties to the best of their ability. Several conferences have been held and they hope much good may come from them.

Representatives to Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight are appointed as follows:

James Field. — A. Ella Clark
Blanche R. Howland — Wilbur W. Kamp.
Elizabeth Beesley — Emma Crabtree.

The queries have been read.

James A Covey spoke of the concern of the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight that our Young Friends should be married by the Friends' ceremony.

He spoke also of the need for the leaders of our meetings to maintain their Christian testimony for pacifism in these days of crisis. He urges that we stand firm and not be carried away by the present war hysteria.

There being no further business we close purposing to meet at the appointed time in Eighth Month.

George A. Selleck, Clerk for the day.

Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, held at Lynn, Eighth Month, 17th, 1940

The Representatives appointed by our local meetings are as follows:
Amesbury - Ruth E Osborne and others.
Boston - Mabel J. Townsend.
Lawrence - Helena Proudlove and others.
Lynn - Emma Fisher and others.
all Representatives were present except two.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting were omitted.

Representatives to the Yearly Meeting reported that the sessions were most profitable and the attendance the largest in many years. Special mention was made of the report of the Committee on Young Friends. The presence and interest of these youths in the sessions of the Yearly Meeting gave promise of even better Yearly Meetings in the future.

Amesbury Meeting reports good attendance and opportunities for expressing Quaker principles.

Lynn reports a successful Daily Vacation Bible School. We are noticing the wholesome influence of the Quaker Work Camps upon the community. Several meetings have been helped during the summer by visitors.

The Meeting then adjourned to meet in Lawrence in Tenth Month.

Wilbur W. Kamps. Clerk.

Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at Lawrence, Tenth Month 1940

Representatives were appointed as follows:
From Lynn - Herman J. Lawrence & others.
From Boston - Chester C. Smith and others.
From Lawrence - Emma Crabtree and others.
Seven representatives were present.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Communications were received requesting the approval of this body in the appointment of Friends to serve their meetings as Elders. Weare names Mabel C. Woody and Nellie L. Dodge; Lynn, Emma A. Fisher, Katie B. Coffin and Gertrude H. Lawrence; Boston names Chester C Smith and Louisa Prescott. The meeting approves of these appointments for the period of three years. The Clerk was instructed to notify each meeting.

Consideration has been given to the need of keeping the interest of our Young People. It is suggested that giving them work to do and positions of Responsibility with freedom in dealing with their duties, would help.

Some consideration was given to the problems of the Conscientious Objector and discussion followed on what each local meeting is doing to solve the problems. Efforts are being made to inform young Friends and others on the provisions of the Draft act as they relate to Conscientious Objectors.

There followed a discussion of the fact that some young Friends have no conscience on the matter of the sinfulness of war. They are usually those who absent themselves from Meetings for worship and discipline. The question was raised whether this reflects upon the Elders & Overseers. Have they been faithful to their duties regarding the membership and its relation to the Queries? This discussion was recommended to each local meeting for further exploration.

The meeting adjourned to meet in Cambridge in First Month, 1941.

Wilbur M. Kamp. Clerk.

Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, held at Cambridge, First month, 8th, 1941

Representatives were appointed as follows:
From Lynn - Arthur Lantner and others.
From Amesbury - James Field.
From Keene - Alfred Osborne and others.
From Boston - Edna Haviland and others.
Lawrence - Pauline Beardett.
Eight Representatives were present.

Keene has reorganized the local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight and now sends duly appointed representatives.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication was received from Amesbury requesting the concurrence of this body in the appointment of the following Friends to serve their meeting as Elders - Alice D. Brown, Mabel R Folsom, Ruth E. Osborne. The meeting approves of these

appointments and the Clerk is directed to send the usual notification.

The meeting then reappointed the present Clerk to serve ~~the~~ as Clerk for another year.

We then adjourned to convene in Amesbury in 7th Month.

Wilbur N. Kamp. Clerk.

Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, held at Amesbury, 7th Month 19th 1941.

Representatives from our several meetings were appointed as follows:-

Amesbury - James Wild and others.
Lynn - John N. Moder & others.
Peare - Edith J. Hunt and others.
Boston - Edna Haviland, George Selleck.
Lawrence - Emma Crabtree, Helena Proudlove.

Nine Representatives were present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication from Lawrence recommends Joseph Batty, Alfred Lee, and Ruth H. Mellor, to serve as Elders for 3 years. These Friends are acceptable to this meeting and the Local Meeting will be so informed.

Representatives to Yearly Meeting are as follows - Arthur Santmier, Harriett McLean, Wilbur F. Kamp, Chester C. Smith, Blanch Holland. James Field.

Some new Queries were read - those proposed by the New York Yearly Meeting in response to a request from the Five Years Meeting, that we study the Discipline looking toward possible revisions. The Meeting was impressed with the freshness and force of these Queries. James Covey spoke of the feeling that exists in many quarters that our whole book of Discipline be brought up to date.

The Meeting then adjourned to meet in Lynn in Eighth Month.

Wilbur H. Kamp. Clerk.

Minutes of Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, held in Lynn Eighth Month, 16th 1941

In the absence of the Clerk, Wilbur H. Kamp, H. Carlton Jones was appointed as Clerk for the day.

Representatives to this Meeting are as follows:

From Weare, Alfred Osborne and others.
" Amesbury, James Wild & Ruth E. Osborne.
" Lynn, Emma A Fisher & others.

No representatives from Lawrence or Cambridge. Of those appointed all were present except one.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Representatives to Yearly Meeting reported all in attendence.

The Queries have been read and considered.

James Covey was very acceptably in attendence. He spoke of the alarming drop in the member of our members, more than 40 per year and these mostly very prominent in the Yearly Meeting. What can be done to bring forward others to fill their places?

A concern of the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight is being considered along these lines and a Meeting is to be held in Boston Oct. 4th for that purpose.

The conducting of the Devotional Meetings at Yearly Meeting was discussed, some of the Young Friends Groups deserving more silence.

Gertrude Laurence spoke of the children in the early days of Inclusion carrying on the Meeting even when their parents

were in prison.

Arthur Santmier spoke of the importance of a vital experience which impells us to witness for Christ whenever the opportunity is presented.

A silent meeting may be a dead or living silence. Rebecca Wild wants the meetings of the old and young to be kept together. She spoke of the helpfulness of the Christian Endeavor Society. Something is lacking when we are not bringing others to Christ and into the meeting.

The business being accomplished we concluded to meet in Weare at the established time in October.

H. Carlton Jones
Clerk for the Day.

Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, held at Weare N.H. 10th Month 18th 1841.

Representatives from our local meetings are as follows:

From Amsbury - Ruth E Osborne & others.
Boston - Florence Selleck & others
Lawrence - Joseph Batty & others
Weare - Alice A Kamp & others.
Lynn - Gertrude H Lawrence & others

Ten Representatives were present

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received:

From Weare, recommending for Elders, Lois P. Kamp - Julia S. Reade - Alfred Horne.

From Boston recommending for Elders, Ethel M. Jones, Maud M. Hill and Grace F. Luder.

From Lynn, recommending for the station of Elder, Harriett E McLean, & Ella Clark and Ethel S Austin.

The meeting approved these appointments and instructed the Clerk to send the usual notifications.

Chester Smith and James Wild are appointed a committee to nominate a person to serve this meeting as Clerk and to report in 1st month.

Mabel C. Moody, Lois P. Kamp, Edna Haviland and Arthur Santmier are appointed to meet with the Juniors of the Quarterly Meeting to help them effect some organization of their group. James A. Cosby was invited to meet with them.

A concern was brought before the meeting regarding the need for the revision and clarification of the Discipline. In particular, the question of Quaker procedure regarding marriage is not clear where people who are not members of the Society but wish to be married in the Quaker manner. It is the desire of this meeting that the matter be brought before the Yearly Meeting prior to the time when the Five Years Meeting shall consider such revisions. Local meetings are urged to

make a study of the entire Discipline with a mind to further revisions & clarifications.

The Clerk was instructed to send a copy of this minute to Lindley M. Binford and to the clerks of the local meetings on Ministry and Oversight.

We are convinced against a growing prejudice toward Jews in the Society of Friends and reminded of the supreme worth of the individual which underlies many of our testimonies.

Adjourned to meet in 1st month in Cambridge

Wilbur H. Kamp. Clerk.

Salem Quarterly meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at Cambridge 1st month 17th 1942.

Representatives appointed are as follows:
From Lynn - Arthur Santmier & others.
Amesbury - James Field & others.
Lawrence - Helena Prondlove, Bessie Leslie
Weare - Lois P Kamp & others
Boston - no names given
There were 11 Representatives present.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication from Amesbury requests the approval of the Quarterly Meeting in naming Alice D. Brown, to serve as Elder for 3 years.

Approval is given and the clerk will send notification of this action.

The Committee appointed to nominate one to serve this meeting as clerk, suggested Lilian W. Kamp. The meeting approved of her appointment for one year.

James Wild spoke of a new meeting formed at Exeter, as a part of the Amesbury Monthly Meeting. At present a meeting for worship is held in the home of Melvina L. Rounds, a new member of Amesbury Meeting.

The need for the prohibition of liquor sales around army camps was presented. Friends were urged to be vocal in their opposition to alcoholic drinks. Arthur Santmier and Howard M. Hill are appointed a committee to bring to the attention of our local meetings, the dangers of social drinking.

Adjourned to meet in Amesbury in 5th Month.

Wilbur V. Kamp. Clerk.

Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at Amesbury 5th mo. 16. 1942

Representatives were appointed as follows:
From Lynn, A Ella Clark & others
From Amesbury, James Wild and others
From Boston, Gertrude F. Smith and others.
From Lawrence, Helena Proudlove, Bessie Stott
From Peace, Alfred Osborne, Gertrude Osborne.
Eight Representatives were present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Amesbury Friends report a study made of the Discipline and urge a new consideration of the question of associate membership

A Committee has been appointed to meet with James Covey to arrange one or more meetings for the purpose of discussing the proposed changes in the Discipline. Those named to this committee are George Selleck, Alfred Osborne, Arthur Santmier.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned to meet in Lynn in 8th month.
Esther A. Rank Clerk.

Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, held in Lynn 8-15-42.

The representatives from Amesbury, James and Rebecca Wild, from Boston, Edna Haviland, from Hsale Gertrude W. Osborne and Alfred Osborne, from Lynn Harriet McBean, a Ella Clark, Bertha Swinson, N. Carlton Jones. No list received from Lawrence.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and offered. The testimony that our Civilian Public Service (CO's) boys are bearing by their lives and work was spoken of and Friends were urged to remember them in spiritual understanding, as well as with hospitality.

Report of Committee (Arthur Santmyer & Howard Hill) appointed to bring our attention to dangers of Social drinking. Stated that a letter had been sent to the several Meetings and had been well received.

The committee appointed to arrange for meetings to consider changes in the discipline made no report.

No further business appearing, we adjourn to meet in Lawrence in 10th Mo.

Gertrude F. Smith
Clerk for the day.

Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, held at Lawrence, 10th Mo. 17-1942

Representatives were appointed by all the local meetings. All were present except 4, and reasons were given for their absence.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Communications.

The following were received:

From Amesbury recommending Mabel R Folsom to serve as Elder for 3 yrs.

From Lynn, recommending Bertha E Simson and M. Carlton Jones, as Elders for 3 years —

From Boston, recommending Edna C. Haviland, Florence M. Selleck and Ralph M. Williams to serve as Elders for 3 years —

From Keene, recommending Edith J. Hunt, Alfred Osborne and Frank W. Eaton to serve as Elders for 3 years —

This meeting approved these appointments and instructed the Clerk to send the usual notifications.

The meeting appointed Gertrude M. Osborne and Arthur Santmier ~~as~~ a committee to nominate some one to serve ~~this~~ as Clerk.

A concern was expressed for our children in public Schools we were under pressure to buy war stamps and to do things contrary to Quaker Faith. The need was felt for the help of Overseers in giving advice and counsel to these children:

The Meeting then adjourned to meet in Cambridge on 1st Mo. Willis M. Kamp Clerk.

Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held in Cambridge, Jan. 16, 1943

In the absence of the Clerk W. Carlton Jones was appointed for the day. The representatives from Boston were Geo. A. Selleck, and Edna Haviland, from Amesbury, Alfred and Gertrude Osborne from Lynn, Arthur Santmier, Annie S. Dunkier and W. Carlton Jones, Lawrence, Helena Proudlove, Bessie Stott and John Harvey. From Amesbury, James & Rebecca Wild

We are happy to welcome to our meeting this morning the representatives from Westerly Meeting in a joint session!

The Committee appointed to bring in nomination for Clerk presented the name of Gertrude F. Smith.

We unite with this and appointment is made for the ensuing year.

Edna Haviland presented a concern that we have a more definite program for our Meeting. Geo. Selleck suggested

that we take one Query to consider at a time. Arthur Saintmier spoke of receptions of new members and how they should be informed as to the stand we maintain. Are the Queries understood and the Discipline? Rebecca Wildi hoped we would take more time for consideration of the Queries.

No further business appearing we adjourn to meet in Amesbury, 5 month 15th

W. Carlton Jones
Clerk, pro tem

Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at Amesbury 5 mo. 16, 1943

The representatives from Amesbury were Ruth Osborne, Mabel Folsom, ~~James and Rebecca Neal~~, from Boston Mabel J. Townsend, Ethel M. Jones, Geo. A. Selleck and Edna Haviland, Lynn, Arthur Santmier Annie L. Mercier and Gertrude K. Lawrence

The Committee on nominations of Elders from Lawrence ~~Monthly~~ Mtg. on Ministry and Oversight suggested the name of John C. Peacock as an Elder for three years. His name is approved and the Clerk will notify the Meeting

Query 5 was read and considered thought being expressed that there is need for more education about the harmful effects of liquor and narcotics.

A letter from Lynn Meeting on Ministry and Oversight was received as follows:-

In considering our group of elders we are reminded that one there is on new York state, one is physically unable to attend evening meetings another is incapacitated. We are reminded that Ethel S. Austin has not performed the duties of an Elder or attended any meeting of the Pastoral Com., Ministry and Oversight or

or meetings for worship or discipline in eighteen months, or since first month 17, 1942
(We therefore unite in requesting the Monthly Meeting (with approval of the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight) to discontinue the name of Ethel S. Austin as an elder of the hymn Meeting.

Request approved by hymn Monthly Mtg. on 5th month 12, 1943 and referred to the Quarterly Meeting on M. and O. for approval

This request was carefully considered but action was not approved, as those who expressed their feeling asked that more time be given before any change be made in view of the fact that Ethel S. Austin has formerly been active and helpful in her meeting and Quarterly Meeting. There appearing no further business

We adjourn purposing to meet in hymn in eighth month

Gertrude F. Smith

Salem Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Oversight held at Lynn eighth month 21, 1943

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

The representatives from the several meetings were from Lynn, Annie Vernier Harriet McLean and Hilton Santmier, from Amesbury James and Rebecca Wilde, Boston Edna Haviland, Mabel Townsend, North Weare Alfred Osborne, Gertrude Osborne & Wilbur Kamps Lawrence sent no representatives, of those appointed all but one were in attendance.

Queries one and two were read and given special consideration. The thought of loyalty to our faith and unity were discussed. The fruits of the Spirit and the power to change lives so that we can help bring in the kingdom were stressed.

A fine letter from one of our C.O. boys was read. He is making a great sacrifice for his ideals and we are reminded that many of our young people are to-day showing the way of faith and are living triumphant lives. No further business we adjourn to meet in North Weare in Tenth Month

Gertrude F. Smith, Clerk

Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held in Weare tenth Month 16, 1913

The Clerk being absent on account of illness, the minutes of the last meeting were not available. Gertrude N. Osborne was appointed Clerk for the day.

The representatives appointed to attend this meeting are:
From Lynn, John H. Mader, Annie S. Mann and Arthur Santmier, from Amesbury James Wild & Ruth Osborne from Weare Leon A. Reade, Julia L. Reade Frank W. Eaton and Mariana Eaton from Boston Maud M. Hill, Geo. A. Gillick Edna Haviland and Blanche K. Howland from Lawrence, Alfred Lee and Bessie Stott

These were present except four, for one, a reason was given.

Lynn Monthly Mtg. recommends Emma A. Fiske and Gertrude N. Lowe for the station of Elder for three years

Weare Monthly Meeting recommends Nellie G. Dodge and Mabel C. Moody as Elders for three years, there being seperately considered are

approved, and the Clerk is directed to so inform the Monthly Meetings.

The Queries have been read and prayerfully considered with especial reference to Query 2.

The business being finished we close, purposing to meet in Cambridge at the established time on first month, 1944.

Clerk for the day
Gertrude W. Osborne
2, 7, 8.

Salem Quarterly Meeting held in Cambridge first month 15, 1944 for Ministry & Oversight

The representatives are: from Amesbury James Hilde and Rebecca Hilde from Lynn, Annie S. Cornish, Bertha Benson Gertrude Lawrence from Weare, Alfred Osborne and Gertrude Osborne from Lawrence, Everett Chapman and Bessie Stott, Boston, Mabel Townsend, Maud M. Hill and Geo. A. Selleck.

Amesbury appoints Ruth C. Osborne as an Elder for three years and Boston appoints Charles C. Smith, these

appointments are approved and the Clerk is advised to notify the Meetings.

Querie 3 has been thoughtfully considered.

No further business we adjourn purposing to Meet in Amesbury in May at the regular time

Gertrude F. Smith
Clerk

Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at Amesbury 5/20/44

The representatives from our several meetings are as follows: — from Amesbury: Ruth C. Osborne, Mabel R. Folsom, James Wild. from Boston, Edna C. Haviland, Blanche R. Howland, George Selleck, from Lawrence, Alfred Lee, Everett Chapman. North Weare, Edith J. Hunt, Lois P. Kamp, Alfred Osborne and Gertrude N. Osborne. of these all were present except two.

Querie number four had been read and considered. The value of our life is shown in our

ability to stand by our convictions, which it takes courage.

In this world that desperately needs something more than mechanical civilization if we assume our responsibility we may serve our community and thereby know the guidance of the hand of God. We cannot serve God and mammon.

Lawrence Monthly Meeting forwarded the names of Joseph Batty, Alfred Lee and Ruth Mellor to serve as elders for three years. This meeting approves.

Representatives to Yearly Meeting are: James Wild, Rebecca Wild, George Selleck, Grace Atkins, Everett Chapman, Annie Kerner, Gertrude Osborne, Alfred Osborne, Bessie Stott and Gertrude T. Smith.

No further Business appearing we adjourn, purposing to meet in hymn at the appointed time in eighth month.

Gertrude T. Smith
Clerk

Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at Lynn Eighth month 19th 1944

The representatives from our several meetings were: from Amesbury Rebecca Wild and James Wild Boston Grace Luder, Chester Smith and Gertrude F. Smith; Lawrence Bessie Stott, Emma Crabtree and Everett Chapman; from Lynn Harriet C. MacLean, Anne D. Dennis and Gertrude K. Lawrence from North Weare four members attended.

A concern was expressed that we ask for a change in Query #5 of the proposed revised Discipline relating to the use of chemicals and drugs. After some discussion David Davidson was asked to send a personal letter to the revision committee telling them of his concern.

Thought is expressed that we keep our Peace Testimony

before us in these trying days of war.
also remember Geo. Fox' testimony
on the sacredness of personality.
No further business appearing
We adjourn purposing to
meet at Lawrence on Tenth Month.

Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and
Oversight held at Lawrence 10/21/44
The representatives from our Meeting
were as follows:- From Amesbury
Ruth C. Osborne, Rebecca Wild and
James Wild; from Lynn, Gertrude H.
Lawrence Annie S. Conner John H. Mackey;
from Weare, Julia Reade and Hattie Hunt
from Boston, Gertrude T. Smith, Edna E.
Haviland, George A. Selleck and Florence M. Selleck
from Lawrence Emma Crabtree and
Everett Chapman, of these all were
present except one.
David Davidson sent a copy of the
letter to be
read that he sent to the Revision Com.
for the proposed new discipline, which
was read also the letter in answer

from that Committee stating that his constructive and helpful criticisms will be brought to the attention of the Revision Committee.

Querie # 7 was read for our consideration.

Weare Monthly Meeting sends the names of Lois T. Kamp, Alfred Osborne and Julia S. Reade to be appointed as Elders for three years. These friends are approved. Hattie Hunt is appointed to serve for one year To fill out the Term of Edith J. Hunt who passed away on September 9th, after a long and faithful life as a Friend, serving her meeting actively to the end.

A notice from Hymn recommending Harriett MacLean as an Elder for three years is also approved.

Boston Monthly Meeting informed us that on ninth month 2, 1944 they united with Friends Meeting at Cambridge to form a single Monthly Meeting. The Friends Mtg. at Cambridge was laid down

as a separate Meeting and its membership transferred to Boston Monthly Meeting of Friends. The united Monthly Mtg. then made application to have their name changed to Friends Meeting at Cambridge permission was granted on 10/9/44, so that our Monthly Meeting will hereafter be known as Friends Mtg. at Cambridge

Our Monthly Meeting presents for approval of the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight a new and enlarged list of Elders to serve for the periods named: until 8/31/45 Gertrude T. Smith, Amelia T. Emerson, Maud M. Hill, Ethel M. Jones, Isabel V. Raymond.

Until 8/31/1946: William M. Raymond Marley L. Newell, Mary J. Lore, Marianna Taylor, Ralph M. Williams.

Until 8/31/1947: - Seal Thompson, Henry L. Cadbury, Edna G. Haviland

These friends were approved.

Our Meeting also received communication from other Friends Meetings in New England that two of the former members of Friends Meeting at Cambridge whose membership

was transferred to Boston Monthly Mtg. on Ninth Month 21, are recognized Friends ministers. These are Henry H. Perry and Eleanor Wood Whitman.

Our meeting recognizes the previous appointment of these Friends as Friends ministers, Henry H. Perry who is also a member of South Kingston Monthly Meeting at Westerly, Rhode Island and Eleanor Wood Whitman a member of Sandwich Monthly Meeting at North Sandwich, N. H.

Those who were already ministers of Boston Monthly Meeting are: Wilbur K. Thomas, Walter R. Miles Geo. A. Selleck and Harold J. Chance.

No further business appearing, we adjourn purposing to meet in Cambridge in First month next.

Gertrude F. Smith
Clerk

Salem Quarterly Meeting on
Ministry and Oversight held in Cambridge
First month 20th.

The representatives from the several
meetings were as follows;

Amesbury James Wild, from
Lynn Annie S. Dernier, Gertrude H.
Lawrence and Arthur Santmier
Lawrence Everett Chapman, Emma
Crabtree Ruth Mellor
Cambridge Mary J. Cox, Ralph Williams
Seal Thompson, Gertrude F. Smith and
Maud M. Hill
North Weare Alfred Osborne and Gertrude
Osborne

The minutes of the previous meeting
were read and accepted.

Amesbury Meeting on Ministry and
Oversight brought forward the names
of Elizabeth J. Peaslee, to serve as Elder
for three years, Ruth C. Osborne to serve
for two years and Mabel R. Folsom
for one year. These friends were
approved and the Clerk is requested
to forward this action to their meeting.

George Sellick suggested that a committee be appointed to consider topics, in connection with our Meeting for ~~Worship~~ Weare for use at our regular sessions at Quarterly Meeting, the Com. named is George A. Sellick, Gertrude Lawrence and Arthur Sanborn.

A letter from Weare local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight recommends the recording of Robert O. Blood Jr. as a minister of Weare Monthly Meeting. Geo. Sellick and Henry J. Cadbury were appointed to visit him and report to this meeting.

No further business appearing we adjourn purposing to meet in Amesbury at the appointed time

for the Committee
Gertrude F. Smith
Clerk

Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at Amesbury May 19, 1945

The representatives from our several meetings are as follows: From Amesbury R. Edward Kelsey and Ruth C. Osborne from Lynn, Gertrude H. Lawrence, Annie L. Dernier, Arthur Santmier and John M. Wader, from Lawrence Emma Crabtree, Ruth Mellor, Everett Chapman from North Weare, Alfred Osborne and Gertrude Osborne, from Cambridge Gertrude F. Smith, Edna C. Haviland, Henry H. Perry and Geo. R. Selleck, all of whom are present except two.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

George Selleck reported that he and Henry Cadbury have conferred about Robert C. Blood Jr. and agree he is well qualified by education and spiritual gifts to become a minister therefore we approve the action of Weare Monthly Meeting in proposing his appointment as a minister.

The Clerk of this meeting will forward

notice of our approval to his Monthly Meeting at North Weare.

The topic suggested for our consideration is: How can we as individuals develop a deeper spiritual experience? The need for more definite and earnest seeking for the truth, with a deep conviction for the needs of the world was felt to be necessary for spiritual growth.

A committee to bring in the name of a new clerk for Ministry and Oversight was named: Everett Chapman, Arthur Santmier and George A. Selleck.

No further business appearing we adjourn purposing to meet at the appointed time at hymn

Gertrude F. Smith, Clerk

Grace P. Atkins, Everett Chapman Gertrude Osborne, Gertrude F. Smith and A. Edward Kelsey were appointed our representatives to the Meeting of Ministry and Oversight of Yearly Mtg. to be held June 20, at Phillips Academy Andover, Mass.

Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held a hymn Eighth Month 18, 1945.

The representatives from our several meetings were from Rhinebury:- James Wild, from North Weare, Wilbur W. Kamp Louis P. Kamp Hettie Hunt, from Lawrence, Ruth Mellor and Everett Chapman, from hymn John N. Mader Gertrude Lawrence and Annie Dernier from Cambridge Henry H. Perry, Wm. Duguid and Gertrude F. Smith, of these all were in attendance but two.

James Coney spoke about the new Handbook for Elders and Overseers published by the Five Years Meeting Board and urged each Meeting to secure several copies for use by their Committee on Ministry and Council.

The matter of Week day Bible School education for our public school children was discussed. Concerned Friends were asked to work for furtherance of the plan in their communities.

The representatives appointed to attend Yearly Meeting, reported all attended.

Everett Chapman reported for the Com. appointed to bring in the name of someone to serve as Clerk of our Meeting on Ministry and Oversight presented the name of Gertrude Lawrence. This appointment was approved and Gertrude Lawrence will serve as Clerk.

We wish to record the passing of our dear friend A. Edward Kelsey, long a member of our Quarterly Meeting whose recent return from Rank Allah, brought us inspiration through his radiant spirit and devoted Christian life.

No further business appearing we adjourn, purposing to meet in North Weare at the appointed time

Gertrude F. Smith
Clerk

Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at North Weare tenth month, 20, 1945.

Representatives from the meetings were as follows:

North Weare: George Woodbury, Leon A Reade.

Lawrence: Ruth Mellor, Everett Chapman

Lynn: Gertrude Lawrence, Annie Saunier, Grace P. Atkins

Cambridge: Florence M Selleck, Wm. H. Duguid, Edna C. Haviland, Mary J. Cope.

There were present except five.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and accepted.

The duties of Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight have been read from the new tentative Discipline. Query 2 for Meetings on Ministry and Counsel from the same Discipline dealing with the necessity of harmonious relations with our

fellow members has also been read, and both have been considered.

Florence Sellick voiced the concern that each member has a responsibility for all others and for the meetings. The need is vital for us to build-up and strengthen the religious life of young people and to, and to live according to our responsibility.

Weare Monthly Meeting proposes the names of Rhea A. Reade and Hettie Hunt for the station of elders for three years.

Cambridge Monthly Meeting proposes the following Friends to serve as Elders for three years: Florence M. Sellick, Stephen Rushmore, Francis B. Riggs, Esther F. Haines, Clifford J. Furness.

These, having been considered

separately, are approved and the clerk is directed to so inform Nicare and Cambridge Monthly Meetings.

Edrett Chapman brought to the attention of the Meeting the concern that many times we are not acquainted with other Friends whose names are brought in for various appointments and that this fact leads to the need for much more inter-visitation among Friends.

Anne Dernier as a member of the Salem Quarterly Meeting Evangelism Comm. informed Friends that this had been a concern of Edward Kelsey's and that he had planned to carry forward in the City Meeting a plan of visitation.

There being no further business before us we concluded purposing to meet in Cambridge at the appointed time. Gulnida Lamm

Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at Cambridge first month, 19, 1906.

Representatives from the meetings were as follows:

Lynn: Kathryn D. Harper, Annie S. Dernier, Everett W. Chapman, Gulima H. Lawrence.

Cambridge: Francis B. Riggs, Edna C. Haviland, Seal Thompson, Florence Selleck.

Lawrence: Emma Crabtree, Ruth N. Millar.

North Weare: Wilbur Kamp, Alfred Osborne.

These were present except three. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The presence of Carl Erickson clerk of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting has been noted, and Friends unite in welcoming him.

The fourth query has been read, and we have considered

the importance of allowing the mind of Jesus to have full supremacy in our lives.

A sense of the lasting spiritual value of the previous quarterly meeting held at North Weare was expressed.

David Davidson expressed a concern regarding the spiritual possibilities in television, and the advantages of having television programs of Friends Meetings in other parts of the world, and from Friends Mission fields was presented.

William Duguid questioned whether facilities for television have been formulated, and David Davidson explained that only the large broadcasting systems would be able to take on such programs.

The part of the churches in such programs, and

whether this might not be the work of the Mass. Council of Churches, was considered.

Henry Perry offered the belief that later there might be the possibility of a demand from the public for control of television programs so that they will meet the needs and interests of most people. How can we build up a sensitiveness to the true values from a spiritual point of view? We unite with Henry Perry that the only way is by the effectiveness of personal example, in exemplifying in our own lives the truths we believe and the love we share.

Grace Ludes expressed a concern relative to the wording of the Queries particularly with reference to the use of Tobacco and its relation to the value

of the consumers dollar. Query 6
of the new general queries
dealing with "Standards of Life"
was read, and Grace Thurber
informed the meeting that
the new wording of the
query answered her concern
favorably.

There being no further
business, we adjourned
purposing to meet in
Amesbury at the appointed
time.

Gertrude Lawrence
Clerk

Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, held at Amesbury, fifth month, 18, 1946.

Representatives from the meetings are as follows:

Amesbury: Ruth E. Osborne, Marion E. Kelsey.

Cambridge: Edna C. Adriance, William M. Duguid, George A. Selleck, Henry H. Perry, Seal Thompson.

Lawrence: Emma Crabtree, Ruth N. Mellar.

Lynn: Everett W. Chapman, Corinne C. Foster, Gertrude H. Lawrence, Marjorie B. Chase.

Weare: Wilbur W. Kamp, Alfred Osborne, Julia S. Read.

These are all present except two.

Minutes of previous meeting have been read and approved.

Query 4 dealing with personal

life and conduct has been read and considered. Friends are deeply conscious, upheld through prayer and Scripture reading, of the necessity of living daily in the life and Spirit of our Lord, and to let our ordered lives reveal the love taught by Jesus when he said to Peter, "Lovest thou me?"

Laurence Monthly Meeting presents the name of John E. Reardon to serve as elder for 3 years.

Lynn Monthly Meeting proposes the names of W. Carlton Jones and Marie E. Chapman to serve as elders for 3 years beginning January 1, 1946.

Cambridge Monthly Meeting proposes the names of the following friends to serve as elders in the Cambridge Meeting for 3 years beginning 9th Month 1, 1946.

Marion D. Terry
Andrew R. Foord

Amelia D. Emerson
Mabel J. Fournier
Mary E. Duguid

These names having been separately considered are approved and the clerk directed to do

inform the Monthly Meetings.

A letter was read from the clerk of the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel regarding the annual statement of the spiritual condition of the Monthly Meetings. Friends considered the question whether these reports should come before this Meeting or the Quarterly Meeting, and united in the opinion that they should properly be considered in Ministry and Counsel.

The reports on Spiritual condition of the Monthly Meetings as received have been separately read and summarized as follows:-

"That the spiritual condition of Salem Quarterly Meeting remains good is indicated by a steadfast adherence to the principles of love and truth set before us by our Lord and Friend Christ Jesus.

"In the face of changes and trials about us, Friends draw strength and inspiration from the Bible through study and quiet meditation.

"Mindful of the effect of each individual life upon the children under our care and upon the community in which we live, we endeavor to live sincere Christian lives in true fellowship of love with one another.

"That Salem City Meeting is growing spiritually is evidenced by an increasing desire to experience within ourselves the power of God's love and to translate that love into the universal channel of service to God's creation."

The meeting unites with the summary and the Clerk is directed to send it to the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel, and

to give a copy to the clerk of 2dly Meeting to be read at the business session to be held in the afternoon.

Representatives named to attend Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel to be held at Andover 6 month, 19, are as follows:

Seal Thompson, Ernest W Chapman, Henry H. Perry, Alfred Osborne, Ruth H. Miller, Marion E Kelsey.

No further business appearing, we adjourn purposing to meet at the appointed time in Lynn.

Gulielma Lawrence
Clerk

Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at Lynn eighth month, 17, 1946.

Representatives appointed from the monthly meetings on Ministry and Oversight are:

Amesbury:	M. Jane Davis
	Ruth E. Osborne
Cambridge:	Edna Haviland
	Stephen Kyselmare
	Henry H. Perry
Lawrence:	Ruth H. Millar
	Emma Crabtree
Lynn:	Marie C. Chapman
	Gertrude N. Lawrence
	John M. Mader
Weare:	Lois P. Kamp
	Nettie Hunt
	Gertrude Osborne

Nancy Hunt Wilbur Bugbee

There are all present except three.

Minutes of previous meeting have been read and approved.

Representatives appointed to attend Yearly Meeting on Ministry

and Council reported they all attended.

Report on spiritual condition of Weare Monthly Meeting has been read and considered.

Cambridge Monthly Meeting proposes the name of Margaret E. Hoag as Elder to fill the unexpired term of the late Clifton C. Furness ending Eighth month, 31, 1948. Friends unite in approving this appointment and the clerk directed to so inform the Cambridge meeting.

The queries have been read at this time and considered, special attention being given to the duties and privileges of Quarterly Meeting, particularly visits referred to the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Francis B. Riggs expressed a concern for the revitalizing

of our peace testimony, one of the important fruits of Quaker belief. Christianity and pacifism in Quaker history are accepted as being inseparable. Do 100% pacifism necessary for right-Christian living? Should not Friends re-examine their roots to become living witnesses to the life of Christ and good-will set before us by Jesus? Only by translating beliefs to action can we have a true testimony for peace.

Along this same thought, James Carey expressed his concern regarding the taking into membership those who come from churches whose testimony on peace may not agree with the Quaker belief. In traveling through the country Harold Chance has found that this practice has contributed largely to the lowering

of our peace testimony. Suggestion was offered that we have a form of affiliated membership which would allow such prospective members to take part in general conduct of the meetings, and feel free to work and serve as a part of the Christian family, without becoming an actual "member of the Society of Friends."

In order to further study and consider the strengthening of our peace testimony, and its relation to and "affiliated membership of prospective Friends, this meeting unites in appointing the following committee to report at the next meeting:

Francis B. Riggs
Alfred Osborne
Marion Kilsey
James Carey, ex-officio

No further business appearing, we adjourn purposing to meet at the appointed time in Lawrence.

Gertrude Lawrence
Clerk

Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel held at Lawrence, 10th month. 19, 1946:

Representatives appointed from the Monthly Meetings on Ministry and Counsel are as follows:

Amesbury: Marian E. Kelsey
Ruth E. Osborne

Cambridge: Francis B. Riggs, Geo. A. Selleck, Florence M. Selleck, Edna Haviland

Lawrence: Emma Crabtree
Bessie Dean

Lynn: Gertrude Lawrence, Mayari Chase, John N. Mader, Everett W. Chapman, Corinne Dostie

Weare: Hattie Hunt, Julia Read, Alfred Osborne

Of these, twelve are present and excuses given for the absence of four.

Query 4 has been read and Friends have considered the importance of a personal life and conduct that follows the life of Jesus.

Minutes of previous meeting have been read and approved.

Since N. England Yearly Meeting has approved Part II of the New Discipline dealing with Organization and Business Procedure, this meeting will now be called Meeting on Ministry and Counsel.

Wedre Monthly Meeting presents the name of Mabel C. Moody as elder for 3 years.

Lynn Monthly Meeting presents the names of Grace V. Watkins and Annie S. Wenier as elders for 1 year; and the names of Emma T. Fisher and Gertrude Lawrence as elders for 3 years.

These names having been separately considered, the appointments are approved, and the clerk will notify the Monthly Meetings of their action.

Report of the Committee appointed to consider the advisability of establishing a Friends Meeting in Lynn, eighth month, has been presented by Alfred Osborne in the absence of Frances B. Riggs. Three recommendations were presented on two of which members of the Committee are in unity. After discussion and consideration, Friends are in agreement that affiliated members should be encouraged to make a beginning in the understanding of all Friends principles that make for a vital Christian living, with special attention being given to our peace testimony. The Committee as appointed is continued to make further study and recommendations. The clerk was instructed to

send the above minute regarding affiliated members to each Monthly Meeting for their consideration and study before the next Qtly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel.

The following concern was presented from the Lynn Meeting: "In order to relieve the burden on the Amesbury Meeting, we unite in forwarding to the Qtly. Meeting on Ministry and Counsel the concern that the Qtly. Meeting now alternating between North Weare and Lawrence be changed to alternate between North Weare and Amesbury; and that the Qtly. Meeting now held each year in Amesbury be changed to Lawrence." Taken from the records Lynn Meeting on M & C., W. Carlton Jones, clerk.

After thoughtful consideration and discussion, the clerk

was directed to forward the minute received from Lynn, with the approval of this meeting, to the Quarterly Meeting business session for their action.

No further business appearing we adjourn purposing to meet unless God's directed in Cambridge at the appointed time.

Gertrude Lawrence Clerk

Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel held at Cambridge first month, 18, 1947.

Representatives appointed from the monthly meetings on ministry and counsel are:

Amesbury: M. Jane Davis
Marion E. Kelsey

Cambridge: Seal Thompson
Margaret Hoag
Amelia F. Emerson absent
Henry W. Pury
Francis B. Riggs

Lawrence: Ruth H. Millar -
Lynn: John H. Mader -
Gertrude Lawrence -
Annie S. Dennis -
Weare: Wilbur W. Kamp, Alfred Osborne, Mabel Moody ab

Of these, 13 are present.

Query 2 has been read and considered, and Psalm 103 has recalled to our minds the many blessings that are ours from our Fathers.

Minutes of previous meeting have been read and approved.

Gertrude Lawrence has been re-appointed to serve as clerk for the year.

Since the revised Discipline does not require that the appointments of elders made by the Monthly Meetings shall be brought before the 2dly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel for approval, Friends have considered this matter and unite in approving the

suggestion that, for the present, names of elders appointed be brought before the Qtly. M. on M. and C. as a matter of information, and that this minute be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting Comm. appointed to study the Discipline.

Lawrence Monthly Meeting reports that it is now organized according to the new discipline and that the following list of elders has been appointed:

One year - Joseph Batty, George Bateman, Harold Sutcliffe

Two years - Emma Crabtree, Bessie M. Stott, James Pearson

Three years - Alfred Lee, Ruth H. Millar, John E. Peacock.

The Committee appointed at Lynn 8th month, 17, to study and consider the strengthening of our peace testimony and its relation to an affiliated membership in the Society of Friends presents three findings. On numbers 2 and 3 they are

in agreement, but on members ^ there are divided, and present 3 proposals a. b. c. The report presented is as follows:

1. a that those seeking to enter membership should be encouraged to study the Peace Testimony of Friends and should be willing to accept it to attempt to maintain it earnestly.

b that no one should be received into membership who is not willing to be a part of a meeting which maintains the permanent Peace Testimony of Friends to oppose war and all preparation for war.

c - that those seeking to enter membership should be encouraged to study the Peace Testimony of Friends and should be generally willing to accept it and to maintain it earnestly.

(2) that those Friends who have abandoned their pacifism be urged to consider their influence on

children and their weakening of the Peace Testimony.

3. that the Yearly Meeting recognize as "affiliated" members all those within its limits or territory who are already members of the Wider Quaker Fellowship and that the 2dly and Monthly Meetings have liberty to decide upon what committees such members may serve.

Discussion revealed that some members believed that 1-a was least suited to solve the problem and that the emphasis should be placed for the present on the Peace Testimony of those who are already members, rather than on a specified standard of belief and action for new members.

Since no unity was reached regarding this report, further consideration is postponed until our next meeting.

No further business appearing we adjourn purposing to meet at

the appointed time in fifth month at Amesbury.

Gertrude Lawrence. Clerk

Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel held at Amesbury 5th month 17.

Representatives appointed from Monthly Meetings on Ministry and Counsel are as follows:

Amesbury: M. Jane Davis
Ruth E. Osborne

Cambridge: Mabel Townsend
Mary E. Duguid
Florence M. Selleck
Francis B. Riggs
Stephen Rushdoony

Lawrence:-
Emma Crabtree
Ruth H. Mellor

Lynn: Gertrude H. Lawrence
Marjorie B. Chase
Annie L. Bernier
John N. Mader

Weare. Alfred Osborne
Lois P. Kamp

Of these, 12 are present and 3 absent.

Queries 2 and 4 have been read and Jesus teachings from 5th chapter of Mark have been considered.

Minutes of previous meeting have been read and approved.

Cambridge Monthly Meeting reports that the following Friends have been appointed to serve that Meeting as elders until 8th month 31, 1900:

Rebecca H. Perry
Isabel V. Duguid
Ethel C. Amory
Gordon T. Bowles
Frederick R. Cravenfield

Representatives named to attend Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel to be held at Andover 6 months 17, are as follows:

George A. Sellick
Everett W. Chapman

William W. Kamp
Ruth A. Meeder
Marion E. Kilsey
Alfred W. Osborne
We have further considered the

Letters were read from Lynn and Cambridge Monthly Meetings containing minutes from the local meetings on this subject as follows:
From Cambridge: "we believe that the Quarterly Meeting should not attempt to require of monthly meetings uniform practice with regard to the peace testimony in the admission of new members. We wish to express our fullest sympathy with the hope that new members in our Society willbe pacifist in testimony. We feel, however, that the best way to attract such persons to our belief is to increase the pacifist faith mount ourselves. We suggest to the Qtly Meeting that it recommend a further consideration on this important question to its monthly meetings with respect to their present membership".
From Lynn: "This meeting is strongly of the opinion that the primary need of Friends and prospective members of Friends is for them to have a spiritual conversion and that matters such as the peace question will come as a natural result of that conversion".

believing that each Monthly Meeting is better acquainted with its own people than the Qtly or Yearly Meeting can be, and that any decisions as to membership should be left to the Monthly Meetings.

No further business appearing we adjourn purposing to meet at the appointed time in August.

Gulielma Lawrence, Clerk

Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel held at Lynn, 8th month, 16.

Representatives appointed from the Monthly Meetings are as follows:

Amesbury: Marion E. Kelsey -
James Wild -

Lynn: Marie E. Chapman -
Annie S. Furnis -
Caroline C. Baker -

Lawrence: Alfred Lee -

Cambridge: Henry N. Perry -
Edna Haviland -
Mary E. Dugmid -
Stephen Rushmore -

all of those named were present.

Ephesians 4, together with Query 4, was then read and considered.

Minutes of previous meeting have been read and approved.

Representatives named on the 17th of fifth month to attend Yearly Meeting report that they all attended.

The duties of the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel as outlined in "Faith and practice" (page 80) have been read and considered. We are concerned with the need to encourage the youth in our meetings. How can we meet the spiritual problems of life? How can we as individuals deepen the spiritual life of someone else?

The following committee was appointed to consider the spiritual needs of our meetings and how the 2nd Mo. Meeting on M. and C. can best fulfil its duties:

Stephen Rushmore

Alfred Lee
Henry H Perry
Gertrude Laurence
Edna Haviland
This Committee to report at the next Qtly. meeting in 10th month.

No further business appearing we Adjourn purposing to meet at the appointed time.

Gertrude Laurence
Clerk

Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel held at North Weare, 10th Month. 15, 1947.

Representatives appointed from Monthly Meetings are as follows:

Amesbury: James. Wild -
Ruth E. Osborne -

Lynn: Gertrude Laurence -
W. Carlton Jones -
Marie E. Chapman -

Cambridge: Mary Duguid -
Gladys Allen -

After consideration of the report concerns have been expressed for the need on the part of Friends for regular attendance at meetings and for a greater emphasis on Friends ways and beliefs as an answer to worldly propaganda and the questioning of our younger people. We should be particularly careful in our leading of the younger group with whom we come in contact, so that the youth and those outside the Soc. of Friends may seek for the spiritual values of life.

Report is approved by the meeting, and the clerk directed to send copies to Monthly Meetings and to Meetings of M. and C. within Salem Qtly Meeting, with such changes in the first paragraph that may be necessary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY AND COUNSEL

The Committee appointed Eighth Month 16, 1947, by the Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel,"to consider the spiritual needs of our meetings and how the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel can best fulfill its duties", held a meeting in Lynn on Ninth Month 30, at which four of the five members were present, and herewith submits the report of its meditation in accordance with the section of "Faith and Practice", "in advising measures and means for the promotion of spiritual life and godliness".

The responsibilities of the Meeting for the younger members were an especial concern. Perhaps Friends take it too much for granted that children, as they grow up, will unconsciously absorb not only the spirit of the Society of Friends, but also specific information as to the principles of the Society. In this age of questioning, which is an age of seeking, they should be given opportunity, beginning in the home but continuing elsewhere also, for more thorough and systematic instruction, so that they may be better grounded in the reason for the faith that is in them. Unless they are so grounded, when they leave home, the shock of the impact of other views, strongly held and vigorously, even eloquently presented, but not based on Friends' understanding of the teachings of Jesus, as illuminated by the Light Within, may drive them away permanently from what we believe to be the truth.

We are aware of the need,especially on the part of younger persons, for individual, informal conference with older persons, seeking guidance from time to time as problems arise, and we are concerned that some effort be made to meet this need. The nature of the problems and the delicacy of tact and the spiritual sensitivity required in such counseling might make any formal arrangements for this purpose seem toomechanical. But it ~~was~~ is suggested that if it were understood

Friends that the members of the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel regard such individual counseling as part of their duty and hold themselves in readiness, if called upon, to meet in conference any Friend seeking counsel, the way ~~would~~ will be open for such seeker to meet in conference any member of the Meeting that he or she might desire.

As to the means by which we may enrich the spiritual life of others, it ~~was~~ is suggested that we must begin with personal dedication and consecration, with a deep concern for the enrichment of others, and then proceed as the way may open for each of us. We as members of the Meeting should begin with ourselves and remember that the principal evidence of spiritual life is to live in the spirit of that love which Jesus manifested to His disciples. Persons who prove to be a special source of annoyance or irritation to us, we should make a special matter of intercession and prayer.

As we meditate on our meetings for worship, looking backward to them with deep satisfaction and forward with eager anticipation, as seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord, we are reminded that they satisfy a deep need that can not be met by anything else or in any other way. Our spiritual nature requires for its health and well being that we worship, sometimes alone but also sometimes with other persons. So that if we voluntarily "stay away from meeting" as it is called, through indifference or lack of interest, we suffer loss and incur the "danger of isolation". What we earnestly desire is that we may more fully become "members one of another".

For the Committee

Stephen Brahmore, Chairman

We are Monthly Meeting reports that the following Friends have been appointed to serve that meeting as elders for 3 years: Alfred Dearne, Julia S. Reade, Margaret P. Wood.

Florence Sellick and Marion Kelsey have been appointed to bring in the name of a clerk for this meeting to serve for one years from 1st month, 1948, and to report at the next meeting.

No further business appearing, we adjourn purposing to meet at the appointed time in Cambridge.

Gertrude Lawrence
Clerk

Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel held at Cambridge, 1st Month, 17, 1948.

Representatives appointed from local Meetings on Ministry and Counsel are as follows:

Amesbury :- M. Jane Davis"
Cambridge :- Margaret Nagy,
Andrew R. Towle, Florence"
M. Selleck, Stephen Richmond,
Amelia F. Emerson"
Lynn: Everett W. Chapman"
Gertrude Lawrence" Geo. D. Bliss.
Lawrence :- Laura Pearson"
Weare: Wilbur W. Kamp
Margaret Wood

All are present except three.

Query 4 has been read and considered.

Minutes of previous meeting have been read and approved.

The Committee appointed in 10th Month to bring in the name of a clerk for

this Meeting present the name of Gertrude Lawrence. This is approved and Jennie Lawrence will serve for one year.

Clerk reports that copies of the report on the spiritual needs of our Meetings, as approved in 10th Month, have been sent to all constituent Meetings with sufficient copies for members of the meetings on Ministry and Counsel.

Further consideration has been given to this report, particularly with reference to personal dedication and consecration, and the spiritual enrichment of other persons. We must humbly remember that we are channels through which the power of God will work for His good purposes.

Beyond the outward appearance is the inner struggle of the soul to reach God, and we should strive through prayer to minister to that soul. As human beings today we are in great extremity and God alone, through the fervent prayers of intervention can meet the needs of the world. The power of God works through the human heart, and the bitterness and hatred of the world can be transformed by Him through the hands of man.

A concern has been expressed by Amelia F. Emerson that a message of love and understanding be sent to Friends in Holland and the Scandinavian countries. The Meeting approves forwarding this concern to the Quarterly Meeting at 2 o'clock this afternoon and instructs Amelia F. Emerson to represent this

meeting in presenting the
concern at that time.

No further business appearing
we adjourn purposing to
meet at the appointed
time in Fifth month in
Amesbury. God willing.

Gertrude Laurence, Clk

Salem Quarterly Meting on Ministry
and Counsel held at Amesbury
5th month 15.

Representatives appointed from
local meetings on ministry and
counsel are as follows:

Haverhill Weare: Wilbur Kamp. Alfred Osborne
Lynn: Gertrude Laurence, Marie
Chapman, Annie Tennier
Cambridge: Mary Dugard, Stephen
Rushmore, Clarence Sellick,
George Sellick.
Amesbury: M. Jane Davis, Francis
E. Kelsey

There are present except 2.

Minutes of previous meeting have been read and approved.

We have considered Rufus Jones's pamphlet "Are we ready?" and are reminded that the "peculiarity of Friends must not be in outward form, but in inward life and labor. The spiritual powers of our Society must come through individuals made radiant by the certainty of the Spirit of Christ in their own lives." Queries 1 and 2 have been read and considered.

The following Friends are named to represent Salem City Meeting on M.C. at Yearly meeting session of M.o C; to be held at Andover 6/22:

Everett W. Chapman, Stephen Rushmore, George Sellick, Alfred Osborne, Marion Kelsey, Gertrude Lawrence.

The statement regarding worship and the need of becoming members one of another as outlined by the Committee last Fall has been

read and considered. A letter from Seal Thompson received by the clerk expressing his appreciation of this report on the spiritual needs of our meeting has been given our interest and attention.

Question asked recently in a Monthly Meeting "What is a non-resident member?" A sincere Friend will attend meeting regularly. If he is unable to do so because of distance away from the meeting he would then become a non-resident member. If our relationship with God in Christ is real we will want to attend meeting.

One of the contributing factors to non-attendance is lack of early training, since attendance is so much a matter of training and exercise, and elders and ministers are reminded of their responsibilities in this direction.

The meeting that is conscious of its shortcomings and weaknesses makes for a stronger meeting. The sensitiveness of the meeting towards its own weakness will lead to deeper spiritual life. The fellowship and unity of the meeting — the knowing one another in that which is eternal — is vital to spiritual growth, and the sharing of our weaknesses and problems is a source of strength and power. The deepening of spiritual life within the meeting will act to draw into the group those who are luke warm or disinterested.

No further business appearing we adjourn purposing to meet, God willing, at the appointed time in Lynn in eight months.

Gertrude Lawrence
Clerk.

Salem Quarterly Meeting
on Ministry and Counsel
held at Lynn, 8th month, 21.
1948.

Representatives appointed from
the local meetings on Ministry
and Counsel are

Amesbury: Ruth Osborne "
Marion Kelsey "

Cambridge: Mabel J. Townsend -
Andrew K. Tawl
Stephen Rushmore -

Lynn: Corinne Davis "
Gertrude Lawrence -
W. Carlton Jones

Of these two are absent, an
excuse having been given
for the absence of one.

No representatives have been
appointed from N. Weare,
but Alfred Osborne and
Wilbur Kamp are present.

The clerk has received
no names from Lawrence
and none are present to

represent that Meeting.

Part of the 8th Chapter of Romans has been read and we unite in considering the certainty of Paul's experience that nothing can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus.

Minutes of previous meeting have been read and approved.

Representatives appointed to attend Yearly Meeting sessions on Ministry and Counsel reported they attended with one Minister.

We welcome to our group Shirley and Harold Hadley who are serving in the Cambridge Meeting, as well as Arthur Sanderson who was pastor of the Lynn Meeting for 5 years.

The pastor of Everett and Maine Chapel is on vacation. We received with interest words from the Sellers in Indiana and Europe.

There comes from Yearly

Three concerns carried from
to Salem Quarterly Meeting, 8/2

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such earnest seekers.

No further business appearing
we adjourn purposing to
meet, God willing, at the
appointed time in Lawrence
on 10th month.

Gertrude Lawrence
Clerk

Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel held at Lawrence, 10th month 16, 1946.

Representatives appointed from local meetings on Ministry and Counsel are:

Amesbury; Marion E. Kelsey"
Cambridge; Edna Haviland"
Harold Hadley"
Mary Duguid"
Lynn; John N. Mader"
Gertrude Lawrence"
George D. Bliss"
Lawrence; Emma Crabtree"
Joseph Batty"
Alfred Lee"
N. Weare; Alfred Osborne"
Nettie Hunt"

These are all present.

Minutes of previous meeting have been read and approved.

We have considered the live possibility of the Fellowship of the Concerned as the only hope for the realization of the Christian

ideal in the present day.

Weare Monthly Meeting informs us that Winslow N. Osborne and Leon A. Reade have been appointed as elders for 3 years.

Lynn announces with regret that Everett and Marie Chapman have left Lynn Meeting to serve at the Friends Meeting in West Milton Ohio

The following Friends are named as a Comm. to bring in the name of clerk of this meeting to serve for one year from first month, 1949.—

Myles Osborne

David Davidson

"Peace" has been read and considered with special reference, in view of the critical days ahead, "to the exercise of our constitutional privilege to promote Christian influence locally, nationally and internationally."

Concerns have been expressed that the trend these days points toward militarism and dictatorship, leading to the end of our democratic ideals. A careless vote in the coming election may mean the endorsement of policies contrary to Friends beliefs, while a large number of conscientious votes would call attention to the fact that there are many who do not approve of Governmental policies leading to war and un-Christian attitudes toward other countries. Serious and conscientious consideration of citizenship should be a task marked at hand from day to day.

No further business appearing we adjourn purposing to meet at the appointed time, God willing, at Cambridge

in first month.

Gulielma Lawrence
Clerk.

Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel held at Cambridge, 1st month, 15, 1949.

Representatives appointed from local meetings on Ministry and Counsel are as follows:

Lynn: Georgia Bliss, Gulielma Lawrence, Sarah Hazeltine, Lawrence: Bessie Smith, Laura Pearson

Cambridge: James Wild, Ethel Avery, Edna Haviland, Andrew Towle.

These are all present. No names have been received from Amesbury or N. Weare, and none are present to represent those Meetings.

The report of the previous meeting has been read and approved.

The Committee appointed in 10th month report that they recommend Mary Dugaid as clerk of this Meeting for one year. This recommendation is approved.

The meeting unites in expressing appreciation to Gertrude Laurence for her services as clerk for the past 3 years.

Consideration has been given to the time for starting this meeting. Since 10 o'clock seems to be generally favored, Friends are urged to gather promptly so that the Meeting can begin at 10 o'clock.

We have considered the word of God, "Ye are a peculiar people". We are urged to give thought to Jesus teaching to give no thought to the morrow"

but to depend on God in all things from day to day.

Concern has been expressed for intervisiting among the 2dly Meetings. Report was given of visitations made and planned by the 2dly. Meeting Evangelistic Comm. Carlos Jones spoke in behalf of the Lynn Meeting and urged more visitation among Friends. He has also expressed his concern for more spiritual conversions in our Meetings. How many in our local meeting have sought our help in answering their spiritual problems? Are we neglecting those in our midst, particularly the younger people and the children? Are they receiving spiritual inspiration from us?

As the time for the Meeting for Worship is at hand, we adjourn purposing to meet at the appointed time in 5th month in Amesbury, God willing.

Gertrude Lawrence
Clerk.

Salem Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel was held at Amesbury on Fifth month 21st 1949.

The following Representatives were appointed by their Monthly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel

Lynn - W. Carlton Jones
John W. Mader
Annie S. Symmes

Amesbury - Mary Jane Davis
Mary S. Nichols

Cambridge James Wild
Marian Terry
Edna Haviland
Mary E. Dugan

There was no report from Lawrence or Lynn. All the representatives were present except one friend for whom a satisfactory

reason was given. Alfred Osborne was with us from Ware.

The minutes of the previous Meeting read and approved.

This being the time to appoint the Representatives to the Yearly Meeting, Meeting of Ministry and Counsel to be held at Andover Sixth Month 21st at 3.30, the following friends are asked to serve.

Marian Kelsey Alfred Osborne
Emma Crabtree Annie Dennis
Grace Atkins Elizabeth S Pearce
Edna C Haviland Mary E Dugan

The Law read and thoughtfully considered the four Queries, feeling humbled that our leadership in the spiritual life of the Meetings is not more effective.

Annie Dennis told us that the Lynn Meeting was growing in responsibility and spiritual stature in their jointly carrying with Carlton Jones the First Day Meetings.

Marian Kelsey and Edna Haviland spoke of the great help Harvey and Laura Jones have been to the Meeting at Amesbury and to the group at the Huntington Home. They wished that they should be personally thanked and suggested that this minute

should be shared with them.

George I Bliss asked if he might read the Summary of the reports on the Spiritual Condition of the Monthly Meeting, which was considered and approved. George Bliss expressed a hope that this meeting would share in the detailed reports and keep in forwarding the Summary.

Edna C Haviland felt a concern for the spiritual life of the individuals of the Meetings and thought we should know what practical steps were being taken to develope their soul quality. This was our closing thought to be carried away by all ours.

The Meeting concluded purposing to meet again at 10 o'clock on the 20th day of Eighth Month at Ly mn

Mary E Dugmire
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Salem Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Counsel
1st Month 21 1950.

Salem Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in Cambridge First month 21st 1950 at 10 A.M.

In the absence of the clerk Edna C Haviland was asked to serve for the day.

Cambridge reports the appointment of Henry J. Cadbury, James Wild, Priscilla C Hutchinson, Winifred O Leidley and Edna C Haviland as elders for the term of three years.

The letter sent out by the Ministry & Counsel of the Yearly Meeting to the Monthly Meetings was read and considered. Lynn and Cambridge reported visitation on members not attending meeting on account of sickness or other reasons.

James Wild expressed a concern for more spiritual messages in our meetings covering such subjects as missions, temperance and fundamentals of christian doctrine.

James Coney proposed that at our next meeting we give special consideration to the type of message given in our unprogrammed meeting as to their spiritual value.

Minutes from the last meeting were read & approved.

Representatives from Lynn were W. Carlton Jones

Annie S. Dernier and Sarah M. Hazeltine. The first two were present. Those from Cambridge were Henry H. Perry, Humfred Lendley, James Wild and Ethel Amory. All were present.

Edna C Haviland
(Clerk protem)

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Women and Council was held at North Weare, New Hampshire 10th month 15th 1949 at 10 Am.

In the absence of the clerk Edna C Haviland was asked to serve for the day.

After a period of devotion in which there was a deep sense of the spirit of the presence of God the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

There was no representatives from Lawrence in attendance.

The Representatives from Lynn were as follows George I Bliss, Annie S. Dernier and W Carlton Jones All were present.

The Representatives from Cambridge were as follows. James Wild, Henry J. Cadbury & Edna C. Haviland. Henry J. Cadbury was unable to be present.

Amesbury had not appointed Representatives

but we welcomed the presence of Marian E Kelsey
North Weare was Represented by Alfred Osborne
but not by appointment.
North Weare reported the Reappointment of
Mabel C Moody as Elder for the period of three years
The Queries were read. The last one. Do you
always strive so to live that you have a
conscience void of offence toward God and man.
claimed most of our attention. Gambling and
taking chances were particularly discussed
and the meeting was united in feeling the
seriousness of the amount of participation in
such by many and the difficulty our
children find in our Public Schools.
The Meeting closed purposing to meet at
10 a.m. first month 21st 1950 in Cambridge
Edna C Haviland
Clerk protem -

MAY 20 1950

Salem Quarterly Meeting for Ministry &
Counsel was held at Amesbury on Fifth month
20th 1950 at 10 o'clock.
The following were the Representatives:-
From Lynn W Carlton Jones, Sara Hazelbine

from Cambridge James Reed Edna C Haviland
from Ames bury M. Jane Davis Mary L Nichols
from North Ewear Alfred Osborne, from
Lawrence Emma Crabtree & Bessie Smith -
All but one were present.

Lynn Monthly meeting of Ministry & Counsel recommended the Recording of W Carlton Jones A similar letter from Ewear Monthly Meeting asked that Lavinia B Moore also be Recorded as a minister -

The meeting appointed Marian E Kelsey and Edna C Haviland and Bessie Smith to consult during the meeting and bring a recommendation at the end of the meeting -

The following Representatives were appointed to the Yearly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel. W. Carlton Jones, Marian Kelsey Alfred Osborne Bessie Smith and Mary E Dugard

The 4 Queries were read and silently considered by the meeting. The cultivation of the ministry was thought to be the great concern of the Elders. Individual members of the meeting should have their gifts encouraged and constructive criticism. Carlton Jones spoke with concern on this Thought.

Mary L Nichols brought to us a letter written by Amesbury Meeting stating their Summary of the obligations their members should fulfil (1) Attendance at Meeting, (2) Have you joined some other church. If so your connection with Friends can be maintained through the Yearly Quaker Fellowship. (3) Do you contribute to Meeting Expenses. This was approved as expressing 3 duties of members Responsibility.

The Committee reported that they approved Thos E Carlton Jones and Laurence B Moore be record as ministers one for his long service in the past and the other for the long life of service ahead of him.

The meeting then concluded to meet at Lynn Eight Month 19th 1950.

Mary E Osgood
clerk.

AUG 19 1950

Salem Quarterly Meeting for Ministry and Counsel was held at Lynn Eight Month 19th at 10 o'clock.

The minutes of the previous Meeting was read and approved.

The following are the Representatives to

Thus Meeting

Cambridge — Alice W Jones, Marian E Kelsey
Lawrence — Alfred Lee, Emma Crabtree
Lynn — Mabel Smith, Caroline E Forbes
Sara M Hazeltine, Flora R Lord.
Cambridge — Dr Emma R Hardy, Jones Hardy
All were present.

All the Representatives to the Meeting for Ministry and Council were present. In reporting on the Meeting Edna C Haviland said she appreciated the meeting and thought it was especially helpful to have such a clear presentation of the Programme and Unprogrammed Meeting with their particular difficulties. The discussion that followed made a very realistic and helpful opening to the Yearly Meeting. It was suggested that the Concerns of the Five Years Meeting should be more fully explained.

Cambridge & Lynn Meetings both told us of their mid week meeting for study. The Pamphlet on "Fellowship Adventuring with Christ" book had used.

It was brought to our attention that Quarterly Meetings have rather less routine than Monthly Meetings and should be a time of study &

thought on the theorical and spiritual side of our Quaker religion. Also friends from a wider circle come together and we should profit by a wider social contact.

The New York Quarterly Meeting has a Childrens Morning Meeting from which an epistle is often send to the larger Meeting.

Our attention turned to the need for smaller Meeting around which in time larger groups can gather. George Sillick said it was difficult to be sure what elements are needed to make new Meetings successful.

After the reading of the Queries the Meeting concluded purposing to meet at Lawrence on 10th Month 21st at 10 o'clock.

Mary E Dugmed
Clerk.

Salem Quarterly Meeting for Nunnesby and Counsel was held at Lawrence
21st/1950 on 10th Month 21st at 10 o'clock. 1950

The minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

The representatives were present

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The concern of the Meeting centered about our testimonials against Tobacco and intoxicating beverages.

The Queries were read and silently considered –

The Meeting adjourned to meet at Cambridge in 1st month. Mary E Dugard clerk

Salem Quarterly Meeting for Ministry and Counsel was held at Cambridge 12th month 20th 1951 at 10 oclock. The minutes of the 10th month Meeting were read & approved. The following representatives were appointed – Amesbury – Alice B. Jones, M. Jane Davis, North Weare – Julia S Reade, Asfred Osborne, Margaret P. Wood; Lynn – W Carelton Jones, Annie S Dennis & S. Mabel Smith; Cambridge James Field, Kenneth Webb, Winifred Lindsay, Marianna Taylor, Those not present by illness were present.

Edna C Haviland gave us a clear report of the Service Committee concern for all young men facing the draft & they took the same point of view – All meeting showed Reactur and was the power of prayer.

Annie Dennis reported on the inspiration of the 5 years meeting. Helen Walker read every day in prayer for peace and strength on the mission field. The Queries were read and Kenneth Webb hoped we would have a deeper fellowship with God & share the experience with friends. To adjourned to meet at Cambridge Mary E Dugard Clerk

Salem Quarterly Meeting on Thursday and Council held at Amesbury 5 Mo. 19 1951

In the absence of the Clerk W. Carlton Jones was appointed for the day.

Records of the last Meeting held in Cambridge in First Month were read and approved

The Representatives to that Meetings are
- from Cambridge Edna Haviland, Winifred Lindley, George A Selleck & James Reid.
- from Amesbury - M. Jane Davis & Ruth E Osborne.

From Lynn Sarah M Hazeltine, Annie S Spencer and W Carlton Jones.

From Lawrence none

From Weare - Alfred Osborne -

All were present except one

The Queries have been read and Special thought was given to membership in our Society. This is to be considered at our Yearly Meeting on Thursday & Council.

George Selleck raised the question which is sometimes raised. Is it different to join Friends? What position should we take regarding Birthright & Associate Member

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Salem Quarterlt Meeting on Ministry and Counsel, held at Amesbury 5mo 19, 1951.

In the absence of the Clerk, W.Carlton Jones, was appoimted for the day.
Records of the last Meeting held in Cambridge in First month read and approved.
The Representatives to this Meeting are ,
From Cambridge:- Edna Haviland, Winifred Lindly, George A. Selleck and James Wild.
From Amesbury:-
M.Jane Davis and Ruth E Osborne.
From Lynn:-
Sarah M.Hazeltine, Annie S.Dernier and W.Carlton Jones.
From Lawrence:- none
From Weare:-
Alfred Osborne
All were preaent except one

The Queries have been read and special thought given regarding membership in our Society, which subject is to be considered at the Yearly Meeting.on Ministry and Counsel.
George Selleck presented a question which is sometimes raised Is it difficult to join the Friends? also what position should we take in regard to Birthright Membership and Associate ? Shuold Affiliated Members be given a choice? Can one belong to Friends and another Denomination at the same time? What do we expect from one who desires membership? Have we a set standard?
James Wild spoke about our taking an interest in children regardin g Active Membership.
Winifred Lindley thought we should be able to give a reason for our standard for membership.
Alfred Osborne ~~raised the question~~, ~~can a system~~ The System can be devised that will meet all conditions. He recommended the book "Quaker Strongholds"
George Bliss suggested a visiting committee have the responsibility of finding out if there is a feeling of unity with Friends from those desiring membership and that this committee work in close contact with the Ministry and Counsel.
Edna Haviland said that in some meetings a statement is asked for of one's religious experience which led up to a desire to ask for membership.
Another concern was expressed regarding the bringing up of our children to know more about the principles of Friends, and also strive to have these children become Christians early in life.
Representatives to the Yearly Meeting were ppointed as follows:-
Marion E.Kelsey George A. Selleck ,W.Carlton Jones, Alfred Lee, James Wild and Alfred Osborne.

No further buseinaa appearing ,we conclude to meet at Lynn, in 8th mo

W. Carlton Jones
Clerk for the day

these children become Christians early in life.
Representatives to the Yearly Meeting were appointed as follows - Marian E Kelsey, George A. Selleck, Wm Carlton Jones, Alfred Lee, James Read and Alfred Osborne -

No further business appearing, we conclude to meet at Lynn in 8th month -

Wm Carlton Jones
- Clerk for the day.

Salem Quarterly Meeting for Ministry and Counsel held at Lynn Eight month 18th at 10 o'clock.

The minutes of the meeting in Amesbury were read and approved -

The representatives were present from
Cambridge
Lynn
+ Amesbury

No report was forward from
North Hoosac or Lawrence.

We were very glad to welcome
Milton Hadley to be with us.

We considered the spiritual needs of our various groups and how best they can be developed. Each meetings has its own needs - All should have their sick and needy looked after.

The Queries were read and brought the responsibility home to us -

The meeting adjourned purposing to meet at North Weare on Tenth month.

Mary E Dugmid
Clerk

Salem Quarterly Meeting for Ministry and Counsel held at North Weare on Tenth Month 20th 1951 at 10 o'clock.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved

The following Representatives were present Lynn Florence B Aldrich for Carlton Jones.
Sarah M. Hazelhine
Somersbury. Mary F Blair, Mary L. Nichols, Frances Peaslee
Elizabeth J. Peaslee -
Cambridge George Sellick, James Todd, Alfred La.
North Weare Lucy H Pade, Winslow Osborne.
The Committee appointed to Counsel with Epheny friends reported That the clothing work was being carried on by the United Church

and that Mary F Blair was not free at the moment for more Service

The Meeting centered down on the loss of Alfred Osborne - We all knew his sterling character and sustaining help during his life. Still death always brings vividly to us the personality that we have enjoyed and shared during the years. Edna Haviland spoke of his help in starting the Union Church at North Weare. Mabel Moody read a statement he had written — Chester Smith quoted "life of great men all reminds us Carlton Jones who had been a boy with Alfred Osborne reviewed his long life. He had been a real example of our Yearly & Counsel Queries. The Queries were read and brought this to mind. We will all greatly miss Alfred Osborne in our Quarterly Meetings where we come together for friendly contacts and Spiritual uplift.

Chester Smith brought to our attention the new Quaker meetings which are being held fairly regularly at Concord, Wellesley and Rockport. A meeting is held by John Folson the 1st day of Smith month which brings together from 40 to 50 people. Pembroke Meeting has 3 summer meetings sponsored by the Historical Society of Pembroke.

The meeting adjourned, purposing to meet at Cambridge 1st month 19, 1952

Mary E Dugard - clerk.

Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel held at Cambridge First month 19th 1952 at 10. A.M.

In the absence of the clerk, George A Selleck was appointed to serve as clerk for the day.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read.

According to communications from the several meetings the following friends were appointed Representatives to this meeting

From Cambridge - Marianna Taylor, Esther J Reeve, Chester C Smith, Ethel Jones and James Todd.

From Amesbury - Mary J Blair.

From Lynn To Carlton Jones, Annie S Dennison & Flora E Lord.

From Lawrence. Alfred Lee, Louisa Lee, Emma Crabtree & Bessie Smith

All of these were present except two. No list of Representatives was Received from North Shore.

The meeting approved the appointment of a nominating to bring forward to our next meeting in Fifth Month the name of a friend as clerk & Assistant clerk. This action makes our procedure parallel to that of the Quarterly Meeting. Appointed a Nominating

Committee, we appointed Annie S Brewer and Ethel M. Jones.

Edna Haviland presented a concern that our Quarterly Meetings on Sunday & Council should plan to have something worthwhile at each session. When concerns are presented they should take precedence, but at other times she suggests a planned topic for discussion. At our next meeting in Fifth Month we shall very likely have for discussion the topic to be considered at the Yearly Meeting on Sunday & Council in Sixth Month.

The queries for the Meetings on Sunday & Council in our new Discipline were read and carefully considered.

Several Friends spoke to the need of more careful oversight of the members of our Meetings especially of those who are ill or in trouble.

Other friends were concerned that we take an active interest in Public Problems such as the current endeavor to defeat the proposed Universal Military Training.

The Meeting adjourned purposing to meet at Amesbury at the appointed time in Fifth Month

George A Selleck Clerk for the day

Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Council held at Amesbury, Fifth Month 17, 1952 at 10.00 o'clock

The minutes of the meeting held at Cambridge were read and approved.

The Representatives appointed to this meeting were:

Cambridge - Chester C. Smith, James Wild, Ethel M. Jones, and Mabel J. Townsend.

Amesbury - Elizabeth J. Beasley, Marion E. Kelley and Ruth Osborne.

Lynn Annie S. Dernier and Flora E. Lord.

The Clerk was asked to communicate with Winslow Osborne to suggest the North Weare Meeting prepare a memorial for Alfred Osborne.

Annie S. Dernier reported Alfred W. Lee accepts the appointment as Clerk of this Meeting if he may have an assistant clerk. The Committee was continued to find an assistant Clerk.

Lawrence Friends have been drawn together in the illness and death of

Emma Crabtree. Amesbury also has been saddened by the death of Mary L. Nichols and M Jane David

We appreciated the prisence with us of our Field Secretary Milton Hadley and two Friends from Gonic, N. H. Meeting

James Wild spoke of the fact each meeting has a personality but it is desirable that different types of people are ministered to. All can share in the service by silent prayer if not by vocal prayer. Chester Smith reminded us there are many roads to the same place; as we came to this meeting by different routes.

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting are

Bessie Smith - Lawrence
Marion Kelsey - Amesbury
Carlton Jones Lynn
George Selleck }
Mabel Townsend } Cambridge

The meeting adjourned purposing to meet at Lynn in 8th Month.

Clerk

Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsell, held at Lynn, Eighth Month, 16, 1952 at 10.00 A.M.

The minutes of the meeting held at Amesbury in Fifth Month were read and approved as corrected.

The following representatives were appointed to this meeting

Cambridge: Irving R. Hardy
William M. Duguid
Mabel J. Townsend, and
Henry H. Terry.

Amesbury: Marion C. Nelson
Lynn: Sarah M. Hayden
Annie S. Dernier and
Clayton W. Spinney

There were no names reported from Lawrence or North Weare.

All of those named were present except one, the absence of whom was explained.

The meeting was opened by the previous clerk, Mary E. Duguid.

The Nominating Committee reported the name of Ebenezer Smith as Assistant Clerk in accordance with instructions at the previous meeting to bring in a name.

We appoint Ebenezer Smith to serve as Assistant Clerk in the absence of the Clerk. He, being present, the meeting was given into his charge at this point.

Our representatives to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel all report at the sessions at Andover, Mass. in Sixth Month.

The protest of one of our younger members, Stanley Klinteberg, to the draft law was noted, and we feel concerned for his spiritual welfare and growth during his testing period.

The Queries were read and thoughtfully considered

No further business appearing, we adjourned to meet at the usual time in Tenth Month at Lawrence. Ebenezer Smith
assistant Clerk presiding for the day

Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel held at Lawrence Tenth Month 18, 1952.

The minutes of the meeting held at Lynn in Eighth Month were read and approved.

Representatives appointed to attend this meeting were as follows.

Amesbury: Elizabeth L. Peaslee
Ruth E. Osborne and
Marion E. Kelsey

Cambridge Leicester C. Smith
Ethel M. Jones
George A. Selleck and
James Wild

Lawrence James Pearson and
Araha Marsh

Lynn John N. Mader
Annie S. Dernier and
Florence B. Aldrich

North Weare Mabel Moody and
Winslow H. Osborne

All were present except one

We note with sadness the passing of Rebecca Wild, wife of James Wild, on Tenth Month. 9th. Her long service

to Friends causes and faithfullness in attendance on appointments made her a true servant of her Lord.

We were favored with reports by George A Selleck and Winslow H. Osborne on the sessions of the World Conference of Friends held at Oxford, England last month. Points mentioned were the concern for growth of the Spiritual life of the Society, the developement of roots of faith, the diversity of ideas and methods but unity in a feeling of sincerety in each other as true followers of Christ, a spirit of humility with an appreciation that we need the prayers of the East African as much as they need ours.

The Queries were read.

We note the presence, among other visitors, of Milton Hadley and of Wesley W. Osman and his wife Sylvia, new workers in the Lynn Meeting.

No further business appearing

we adjourned to meet at the usual time in First Month, 1953, at Cambridge

Edwin B. Smith
Assistant Clerk presiding for the day

Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel held first month seventeen 1953 at Cambridge

Representatives appointed from the various meetings were:

Cambridge; Marion Terry, Marianna Taylor, James Wild, William Sluguid, and Mabel Townsend.

Amesbury - Edward Averill, Dorothy Averill

Ware - Mabel Moody, Winslow Osborne.

Lynn - Grace P. Atkins, Ethel Spinney, Clayton Spinney, John Nader and W. Carleton Jones.

Lawrence - Betty Smith, Alfred Lee

All were present except two for whom

reasonable excuses were given.

All the Queries for Meetings on Ministry and Counsel were read and given prayerful consideration.

Due to the absence of the records the minutes of the last meeting could not be read.

As we considered our meeting, Edna Haviland suggested that whenever there were insufficient concerns to occupy the hour for our meeting that some special subjects of discussion be available. One subject suggested was the present questionaire for citizenship. The meeting was asked to bring to our next meeting other subjects for our consideration.

The clerk expressed a concern about inter-visitation among the meetings in our Quarter. Edna Haviland spoke of the meetings in Acton and Rockport, to which Cambridge Meeting is giving active support by their visitations.

Marion Terry suggested that the

needs in the local community make such inroads on our time that it prevents our taking active participation ~~at times~~ in broader visitations.

"In making visitations", Henry Perry said, "they should be made with a message of love giving consideration to that part of the Lord's prayer 'forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us'. By so doing we replace criticism with the true spirit of love."

Carleton Jones reminded us that there are also some lonely people who ~~need~~ are not necessarily members of Friends who need strengthening of their spiritual life and who would appreciate visitations.

It was the feeling of the meeting that we ~~should~~ make these visitations and ~~hope~~ that the members would be led to follow this means of mutual strengthening without ~~any~~ planned schedule.

We are happy to welcome Maurice Brady from Liverpool, England to our meeting and pleased to hear his thoughts.

We are also pleased to have thoughts from Russell Brooks.

There being no further concerns coming before us, we close purposing to meet in fifth month in Amesbury

Alfred Lee
Clerk

Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel met at Amesbury in Fifth month 16, 1953 at 10.00 A.M.

The minutes of the meeting held at Cambridge in First month were read and approved.

The representatives appointed to this meeting were

from Lynn - Millard T. Lawrence, Flora E. Lord, ~~Alice~~ John N. Nader

from Amesbury:- Elizabeth J. Peaslee, Mary Blair, Alice W. Jones.

from Cambridge:- Chester Smith. James Wild

from Lawrence:- Bessie Smith, James Pearson
Alfred Lee

All were present except four of which a resonable excuse is given for two..

A memorial to Rebecca Weld which was prepared by the Cambridge meeting was read. (Her faithful attendance and vocal contributions, together with her spirit of love will be missed.) This meeting is in accord with the thoughts expressed in the memorial which will be sent to the clerk of the Quarterly meeting and thence to Yearly meeting through the proper channels.

The four queries for Meetings on Ministry and Counsel were read and time was given for meditation.

Ethel Feaney, as a newly appointed elder and member of the meeting on Ministry and Counsel, expressed the feeling of inadequacy to meet the requirements as stated in the queries but felt that the gathering together of the committee both in local and Quarterly meeting would tend to strengthen and help those who

like herself are newly appointed as elders.

James Wild expressed the thoughts of many when he said that we all recognize our inabilities and our need of strengthening. He also felt that each monthly meeting on ministry and counsel should meet regularly and give ample time for consideration of the spiritual needs and nurture of the meeting.

Milton Hadley also spoke on the need for meetings of Ministry and Counsel and suggested that it might be well for us to consider the desirability of a report on the spiritual condition of the Quarterly Meeting being prepared for future consideration before our meeting.

Marion Kelsey read excerpts from the Flushing Monthly Meeting bulletin which stressed "the need of individuals to feel a personal responsibility for the condition of the meeting."

Chester Smith told about the preparatory meetings in Wellesley and Acton and that Cambridge Meeting on Ministry and Counsel take the responsibility of these

meetings.

Russell Brooks spoke in connection with responsibilities about the former Quarterly Meeting committee on Evangelistic and Church Extension work. When this committee was discontinued a few years ago because it was felt that the meeting on Ministry and Counsel could better administer its functions, it was hoped that the real needs would be followed. It must be recognized, he further said, that when some committees have been discontinued its functions are not always taken over by other groups. "The responsibility of the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel to care for evangelism and outreach must not die but be carried on".

There being no further opportunity for more contributions to the meeting due to the lateness of the hour we conclude and purpose to meet in Lynn on ~~Fifth~~ Eighth month.

Alfred Lee
Clerk.

A special meeting was held this same 16th day of fifth month after the meeting for worship to consider names for representatives to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel.

The following were named

Marion Kelsey
Bessie Smith
James Hild
Winslow Osborn

Alfred Lee has agreed to remain as clerk for another year.

Alfred Lee
Clerk

Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel met at Lynn 8th month 15, 1953 at 10 A.M.

The minutes of the meeting held at Amesbury in 5th month were read and approved.

The representatives appointed to attend this meeting were:

from Lynn - Grace P. Atkins, Flora E. Lord, H. Carleton Jones, Annie S. Hern

from Cambridge: Henry H. Perry, Ethel M. Jones, Magaret N. Burnham, James Field.

from Amesbury - Marion Kelsey

from Lawrence, Ruth H. Mellor, Alfred Le

from Ware - no representatives

all the representatives except one were present

Those who were appointed to attend Yearly Meeting as representatives to Ministry and Counsel were all in attendance.

The Queries were read and time given for consideration. In regard to Query 3 H. Carleton Jones commented

on vocal expression, pointing out that the early Friends even in a "quiet meeting" did not hesitate to speak when a deep concern was felt or when a rich experience could be shared.

The question which was put before us in 5th month concerning the preparation of a report on the spiritual condition of the Quarterly meetings was again discussed. Milton Hadley expressed the feeling that after some Quarterly meetings, those who were in attendance go home refreshed whereas at other Quarterly meetings this may not be so. In the light of this it seemed well for us to consider whether our Quarterly meeting is providing the needs to send us home refreshed.

Similar thoughts were expressed in regard to the reports on the spiritual condition of the Monthly Meetings. It was suggested that much could be gained by having the report prepared by the entire ministry and Counsel Committee.

It was further mentioned that the

report on the Spiritual Condition of the meeting gives a basis for growth in the Monthly Meeting and efforts should be made to be more concerned with the spiritual side than with the reporting of our participation in outside activities.

Edna Haviland suggested that a list of questions could be prepared on just what is involved when we consider the spiritual condition report.

Grace P Atkins said that probably the spiritual condition of a meeting could be measured by the activity of the meeting on Ministry and Counsel.

It was decided to give further consideration to the question of a Quarterly Meeting report of the spiritual condition and discuss it at North Ware in 10th Month

General oversight of the spiritual welfare of the meetings in our quarter was discussed together with intervisitations, and the expressed opinions were that visitations would be generally acceptable and appreciated. The representatives from Lynn and Amesbury expressed for their

meetings that visitations would most surely be appreciated.

It was further stated that we should give special attention to those meetings without ministry.

There being no further business coming before us we close purposing to meet in 10th month in No. Ware. N. H.

Alfred Lee
Clerk

Salem Quarterly meeting on Ministry and Counsel met at No. Hreare 10th month 17, 1953

The minutes of the meeting held in 8th month at Lynn were read and afeproved.

The refresentatives afeointed to attend this meeting were:

Lynn - Flora E. Lord, Annie S Bernier, Grace P. Atkins, Millard T. Lawrence

From No Hreare - Mabel Moody, Winslow H. Osborne.

From Lawrence, Betty Smith, Alfred Lee

There were no refresentatives from Amesbury

All were in attendance except five (5) and a reasonable excuse was given for one (1).

The Queries on Ministry and Counsel were read and considered, and a portion of Christ's Sermon on the mount was read from the 5th chapter of Matthew.

The question of the afiritual condition of the Quarterly Meeting

sessions and what we can do to make them more appealing was again considered.

James Hild said that we should all have a concern about what we take home from the Quarterly meeting. He further said that we will usually take home in proportion to what we bring to the meeting.

Mabel Moody agreed that much depended upon our preparation, both mentally and spiritually before we come to the Quarterly Meetings. "It is a much slower process," she continued, "to mature spiritually than it is to gain our physical growth. We see these words and hear them but we do not really partake of them and make them a part of us"

Russell Brooks stated that there is a real need for some way of increasing interest and attendance at the Quarterly meeting sessions. He said that ~~the~~ a Quarterly Meeting to be held shortly on a Sabbath at the Smithfield Meeting House will embody some changes

in program which may be considered radical by some people, yet which may be the means of creating new interests.

The following is the program which Russell Brookes says has been planned and is given here for our consideration

10 AM United Bible School

11 AM Meeting for Worship - programed or non-programed with visiting ministers invited to attend

Noon. Box lunch. This is to relieve folks of the time and effort needed to prepare a meal and also to allow them to attend the meeting for worship.

1.15 to 2 P.M. Three groups to meet

1. Program for the children
2. Bible School Teachers group
3. Discussion groups with all other adults

2 PM to 3 PM Meeting on Ministry and Counsel All are invited to attend

3 PM Business Meeting

Betty Smith expressed a desire

that our Quarterly Meeting could do something to interest our young people. She has been concerned by the lack of young friends at the sessions. She also said that she would like to see visiting ministers from other denominations invited to the Quarterly Meeting worship.

Florence Selleck suggested that we haven't taken our Quarterly meeting serious enough and asked the question "What are we offering our young people?" She suggested that some arrangements should be made for the young friends' group during the meeting for worship.

Amelia F. Emerson told of the concern that Cambridge meeting has concerning the spiritual condition of our meetings. The Cambridge Meeting on Ministry and Counsel have a second meeting each month in order to devote all the time to spiritual concerns.

The feeling of the meeting seemed to be, that although we are especially concerned about the spiritual condition of our Quarterly meeting sessions, and

that we are of one mind to try and create more interest for those who attend, we do not feel at this time that we should consider a written report on the Spiritual condition.

There being no further business we conclude and purpose to meet again at Cambridge in first month of 1954

Alfred Lee
Clerk.

Salem Quarterly meeting on Ministry and Counsel met at Cambridge, First month 16, 1954.

The minutes of the meeting held in 10th month at North Weare were read and approved.

The representatives appointed to attend this meeting were:

From North Weare - Winslow Osborn - Ruth Osborn.

From Lynn - Grace P. Atkins, Annie S. Lemin, John N. Mader

Cambridge; Mabel Townsend, Chester Smith

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AMESBURY, MASS.

At a recent Meeting on Ministry and Counsel of Amesbury Mo. Mtg. we considered a letter from Alfred Lee concerning the lack of Young Friends at our Quarterly Meetings, and whether something might be planned that would attract them. When the Quarterly Meeting is in Amesbury, the nearby grove offers much pleasure to the children when the older people are in their business meeting, and for the young people - not quite old enough to be interested in the business the dining-room work together, seemed to give them pleasure and

Minute prepared for business meeting 1st month 16, 1954

The Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel has been considering at several of its recent sessions what changes might be made to stimulate the interest of a larger number of all age groups in the Quarterly Meeting Sessions.

The points to be considered are:

1. Shall we change the day or time of day for holding meeting?
2. Shall we enlarge the program of the sessions to provide adequate opportunities for all age groups to participate?

It was felt that these matters should have the consideration of the larger group and we, therefore, present them for the consideration of the Quarterly Meeting.

The Ministry and Counsel meeting also proposes that future sessions of its meeting be designated as "open meetings under the care of the meeting on Ministry and Counsel" so that all Friends will feel free to attend.

Prepared by
Chester C Smith
Alfred Lee

prepared by Cambridge Monthly Meeting was read. It was agreed that we would forward the memorial to the clerk of Quarterly Meeting.

We were happy to have J Edgar Williams, former pastor of Boston Monthly Meeting with us. We also welcomed Miwa Zielinski, a representative from Friends Meeting in Montreal, at our meeting.

A committee of two, Chester Smith and W. Carelton Jones, was named to bring in names for representatives to Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel, and also to bring in a name for clerk of this meeting. These names are to be presented at the meeting in Amesbury in 5th month.

There being no further business we conclude purposing to meet in Amesbury in 5th month.

Alfred Lee
clerk.

Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel met fifth month 15th 1954 at Amesbury with a large attendance which included many interested Friends who were not specifically named as representatives.

Those representatives appointed to attend this meeting were:

From Amesbury - Marion Kelsey

No. Weare, - David Curtis, Ruth Osborn Winslow Osborne.

Lynn - Annie S. Dennis, Milland T Lawrence, W. Carleton Jones.

Cambridge:- Mabel Townsend, Amelia Emerson, Margaret Burnham, James Wild, Chester Smith.

Lawrence - Bessie Smith, Alfred Lee

All were in attendance except one.

The minutes of the meeting held at Cambridge in first month were read and approved.

The Queries were read and duly considered.

A letter which was received from Thyra Jane Foster, Clerk of Yearly

Meeting on Ministry and Counsel was read. The letter called our attention to the proposed topic "The Religious Education of Adult Members, New and Old, in a Friends Meeting". This topic will be discussed at Yearly Meeting and those who are to be in attendance should devote their thinking upon this subject.

We have concerned ourselves with this topic, and Cambridge Meeting spoke of having a program under the leadership of George Selleck for new members and other interested Friends. The groups, averaging 10 to 25 in attendance met for 14 weeks.

Milton Hadley mentioned that in Sandwich, John Green has planned to take up the Queries in Meeting for Worship. The Queries also would be used in Durham meeting for worship starting 5th month 16 and mimeographed copies of all the Queries were made available in order that there would be increased participation by the members and attenders.

"Adult Education and strengthening of leadership is the direction in which we should be moving" Milton Hadley said in closing.

The Queries were read in meeting for worship this past year in Lawrence Meeting.

The Cambridge meeting on Ministry and Counsel thought that they would take up at their meeting the subject of Civil Liberties as expressed at the Scattergood Conference.

It was also suggested that one Query could be read and considered at each monthly meeting session.

It was agreed that each Monthly Meeting representative to our meeting in 8th month, bring the plans of their meeting for Adult Education and also for Youth Education for the coming year.

Cambridge meeting brought up a problem that their meeting on Ministry and Counsel have to be able to interview or investigate the large number of people applying for memberships. The meeting

feels the necessity of the interview and is doing all it can to be assured that the applicants have the proper qualifications for the Society.

Although other meetings do not have similar problems it was further stated that it is necessary that we continue our attention to the new members as much as we did before they became Friends.

Marion Kelsey spoke on receiving new members and the care that should be exercised in not accepting people too hastily in membership. She mentioned how in Ramallah one person was delayed 3 or 4 years before being accepted and later remarked how beneficial it was to have waited. We must try to remember that it doesn't hurt to wait.

We mourn the loss of Ruth Osborne, a lifelong Friend and member of Amesbury meeting and of the meeting on Ministry and Counsel for many years. Ruth Osborne

passed away at Huntington Home in Fifth month. A friend and an inspiration to all, she will be missed by everyone at the Home and at the Meeting House.

Many expressions of love were given and reference made to her contributions to the Society and summed up in the scripture "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them" Rev. 14:13

In answer to a thought "How Christians should walk" it was brought out that Christians must live a life of example because younger people are watching us might direct their actions after the same pattern.

The representatives from our Quarterly Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel were: James Wild, Henry Perry, Grace Watkins, W. Carleton Jones, Betty Smith and Marion Kelsey. Alfred Lee agreed to accept the appointment as Clerk for another year.

There being no further business coming to our attention, we conclude, purposing

to meet in Lynn in 8th month.

Alfred Lee
Clerk.

Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel met at Lynn 8th month 21st.

The minutes of the meeting held in Amesbury 5th month were read and approved.

The following were appointed as representatives to attend this meeting:

From Amesbury - Mary F. Blair, Elizabeth Peaslee, Marion Kelsey

From Cambridge - Margaret Burnham, James Wild, Franklin Pines, Henry Perry

From Lynn - John N. Mader, J. F. Loyd Moore, Annie J. Dennis

From Lawrence - Alfred Lee

No representatives were named from North Weare.

All were in attendance except two unit for whom reasonable excuses were given.

We are glad to also have many attenders to our meeting who were not officially

appointed as representatives.

It was reported that at the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel all of the representatives, appointed by this meeting, were in attendance. The theme of the meeting was "Adult Education in a Friends Meeting". In this connection each of our monthly meetings are planning Fall and Winter programs which will bring to both Adults, and to our youth, subjects of value for their consideration.

Lynn reports that it has a group of about 20 which meets every other Thursday on Peace and Social concerns, and a Bible Study group on alternate Thursdays. It is further planned to have a course on "New Testament Basis for Pacifism"

Lawrence reports plans for a discussion group on "One Quaker Approach to Social Issues", a class on Friends History and a class on the Discipline for prospective members.

Cambridge and Amesbury have

not made definite plans as yet, but Amesbury reports that a committee has been appointed to plan for the study group.

No report was available for North Weare.

J. Floyd Moore expressed some very interesting thoughts on the basic principles of Friends. He told of his concern for all the people he has met who used to go to Friends Meeting or who had parents or relatives who used to be Friends but who do not now attend our meeting.

Milton Hadley spoke on the coming "Christian Home Life" Conferences. He mentioned that there is a list of "dilemas among Friends" in the process of being developed which may be used for discussion purposes.

Russell Brooks spoke concerning our growth in Meeting. He said "We all need to know more about our faith and practice. He also quoted Cecil Hinshaw who said "No meeting is really going to grow until it faces up to

controversial issues"

A letter from Mark Rauch for the Smithfield Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel with the report of their committee on Adult Education. It was agreed that the information can be of great value to our Monthly Meeting. A suggestion that more copies be procured by the Field Secretaries for our use was agreed upon.

It was expressed that ~~100~~ 60 years ago John William Foundtree had the same concern as we have today relative to making our membership vital and not just a social religion

There being no further time available due to the closeness of the meeting for worship, we conclude purposing to meet together at the appointed time in 10th month in Lawrence.

Alfred Lee
Clerk.

July 27, 1954

Dear friend:

The enclosed "Report of the Committee on Adult Education" i
of the work of a Committee on Adult Education established by the Comm
Ministry and Counsel of Smithfield Quarterly Meeting last summer. Th
met twice during the year, and at its last session drew up the report

This report was presented to the Quarterly Meeting and it w
that they would like to share it with the Friends Meetings in the New
Yearly Meeting. It was hoped that it might be helpful since it deals
problem of adult education in a local meeting. It was felt also that
port had added pertinence in that the Yearly Meeting Ministry and Cou
this year was devoted to the discussion of adult education in our loc
ings.

This report does not pretend to be comprehensive or authori
it is only the thinking of a group of concerned Friends about a probl
is of basic important in our lives as Friends.

With best wishes,

Mark Rauch

Mark Rouch
For the Smithfie
Meeting Committe
try and Counsel

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ADULT EDUCATION
Appointed by the Committee on Ministry and Counsel of the Smithfield Quart
Meeting.

I Some goals which our adult education program should attain:
1. Trained and inspired workers.
2. An informed membership.
The Bible.
The history of our faith.
The nature of community and world problems.
The nature of a Friends Meeting. (Including the beliefs, histo
of Friends.)
The nature of the Mission work of Friends and other Christian g
3. Creation of Christians with an ecumenical outlook.
4. Trained parents concerned with the Christian nurture of their chi
5. Creation of real Christian discipleship.
6. An ultimate deepening of the spiritual life of the Meeting.

II Some ways of accomplishing these goals:
1. A committee on education to plan the program.
A. Composed of people who are interested and concerned to plan
program.
B. Committee composed of people appointed from various groups i
Meeting in order to have a broad base for planning and carry
the program.
C. The organization of the committee should arise out of and be
related to the Monthly Meeting.
D. The committee should evaluate the goals of religious educati
by the Yearly Meeting Committee on Christian Education and e
those goals in which there is special local need.
2. Some methods: (This list is not to be considered as at all compl
is composed only of those methods which the committee talked abou
A. Groups centered in a project.
Group meetings for the purpose of planning, discussing pro
evaluating results.
Possible projects:
Bible School survey of the community around the Meeting
Juvenile Delinquency.
Complete Meeting Visitation.
Dealing with the comic book problem.
Survey of new housing developments to find prospective
cipants of the Meeting.
Planning of work camps for young people in the local co
Work with mental hospitals, prisons, etc. in the visiti
Meeting.
B. Classes with definite and serious course requirements.
Such requirements as use of textbook, attendance, reading
ments, research papers, etc.
Such classes to be given within a definite time limit.
C. Reading study course for the general membership of the Meet
The course to be planned (books selected, etc.) by the Ed
Committee.
Areas which reading should cover: Missions; Christian fam
nationality and race problems, economic problems; interna
relations; Quakerism and books by Quaker authors.
Use of book displays, reading awards, etc. to foster read
D. Special speakers. (This last was only mentioned, not discu

Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel met at Lawrence 10th month 16, 1954

The minutes of the meeting held in Lynn 8th month 21st were read and approved.

The following Friends were appointed as representatives to attend this meeting:

from Amesbury, Ernest Unsworth,
Marion Kelsey
From Cambridge, James Wild,
Franklin Pines
From Lynn - Annie S. Dennis
Flora E Lord
W. Carlton Jones
From Lawrence - Bessie Smith
Alfred Lee

There were no representatives named from North Weare.

All named were in attendance except one.

We again note and welcome so many at our meeting who were not officially named to attend.

The main thought of our two previous meetings, Christian Education was continued.

The Adult Education in Cambridge meeting is under the guidance of three committees which are working together. One of the plans is to continue the Forums similar to last year when prominent speakers were invited. It is further planned to start a study group after Christmas on the "Quaker Approach", and on Sabbath mornings a Young Friends Group to study Quaker Principles and Practice.

Cambridge also reports that at present a study group averaging 10 or 12 Adults of different denominations meet each Friday evening to discuss the New Testament. They are centering their discussion on the book "The influence of one gospel on the other". Synoptic Gospels.

Cambridge Committee on Outreach reports that they have an occasional tea on Sabbath afternoons as speakers are available.

Lynn meeting reports that their Bible Study Group which has met since 8th month is still meeting with an average attendance of 35.

Lynn also reports that Esther R Rhodes

and Wilfred Wellock have sponsored a Peace Study Groups.

The men of Lynn meeting have organized into an active unit of the Quaker Men having met since 8th month.

It is also reported that the women of Lynn meeting have met to organize for the coming year.

Lawrence Meeting reports that their study groups are to start after Christmas.

Betty Smith spoke of hearing a review of the book "Seven Steeples" at Ocean Park. She said "this woman is doing the work that Friends used to do to keep alive the Meeting Houses."

Milton Hadley discussed the lists of Non-Resident members which were distributed by the Quaker Men to each Monthly Meeting. Different thoughts were expressed by the meeting and it was agreed that probably each meeting would rather have the list on a full sheet rather than on individual slips of paper. The question was raised as to how the lists could be prepared. J

Floyd Moore took the responsibility to have the Lynn Quaker men have this project as their first consideration.

In connection with the Adult Education program, Milton Hadley presented for the consideration of the meeting a series of Bible Studies by Roy L. Smith. The series comes highly recommended as a most practical approach to the study of the Bible. The cost for the 12 books is $3.00.

There being no further time available due to the closeness of the meeting for worship we conclude purposing to meet in Cambridge in first month 1955.

Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel met at Cambridge First month fifteen, 1955.

The minutes of the previous meeting held in Lawrence on 10th month were read and approved.

The following representatives were appointed to attend this meeting

From Cambridge:- James Wilde, Izette DeForrest, Ethel Amory, Franklin Pineo.

From Amesbury: Ernest Ainsworth, Marion Kelsey

From Lawrence, Bessie Smith, Alfred Lee

From Lynn:- Ethel Skinney, Grace Le Gro.

Reports were given by the representatives of the various meetings on their programs for Adult Education. It is noted that many worthwhile study groups have been formed for the winter months.

Russell Brooks spoke on what to do about Quarterly Meeting Sessions to make them more appealing to present non-attenders. He said we should concentrate upon the

fellowship of many friends and to find a basis of common concern. Russell also mentioned that a conflict of dates for the different Quarterly meeting Sessions made it difficult for the Field Secretaries to attend all of the Quarterly meetings conveniently. It was thought that if a closer co-ordination between the different Quarterly Meetings could be made then all our meetings would benefit by the attendance of the Field Secretaries.

George Selleck felt that we have made our Quarterly Meeting more of a routine than a time for concerns. We should have a sharing of concerns in meeting for worship and in our Business meetings. He said that he is encouraged ~~that~~ by the attempt throughout the Five Years meeting to re-vitalize the Quarterly Meeting sessions.

Franklin Pines spoke on the changes in the times from the former Quarterly Meetings and the present time. With all of the outward attractions to compete

with, we must find a way to impress ~~the~~ responsibility upon the members attending the Sessions of the Quarterly and Yearly Meetings. We must make it worth while. We must give something to really compete with the other attractions. There is a real challenge to make Quarterly meeting something vital with a great spiritual force.

Russell Brooks brought out that all of these things we want do not just happen, but must be arranged. He pointed out that Smithfield Quarterly meeting appoints an arrangements committee to plan for these sessions and wondered if our Quarterly meeting may feel a similar need.

It was the feeling of our meeting that a minute be prepared for the business session.

The following is the minute which was prepared for the afternoon meeting.

"Salem Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel at their meeting on 1st month 15, 1955 approve of the following recommendation to the business meeting of our session.

"That the Quarterly Meeting appoint an arrangements Committee which would be responsible for the following:

1. To invite outside visitors and to select speakers and subjects which would interest Friends in the Quarterly meeting

2. To adapt the present schedule of meetings to make it more practical for presenting whatever concerns arise".

As the time for the Meeting for Worship is at hand we adjourn purposing to meet in 5th month at Amesbury.

Alfred Lee
Clerk.

Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel met at Amesbury Fifth month 21, 1955.

The minutes of the previous meeting held in Cambridge in first month were read and approved.

The following representatives were appointed to attend this meeting:

From Lynn:- Ethel Skinney, Annie S. Hennies, W. Carlton Jones, J. Floyd Moore.

From Cambridge- Marjorie Lauhm, J. Franklin Pineo, James Wild

From Amesbury- Ernest Ainsworth, John B Folsom

From Lawrence- Alfred Lee

All were in attendance except two

The following members of Ministry and Counsel were appointed as representatives to the Yearly Meeting session of Ministry and Counsel

W. Carlton Jones — James Wild

Betty Smith — George Selleck

J. Floyd Moore

A short discussion was held concerning our Quarterly Meeting sessions.

Annie S Hernier expressed the concern that monthly meetings do not feel more of a concern to attend Quarterly meeting.

Marjorie Laufman spoke on the "advisability of a Quarterly Meeting Committee on arrangements."

The tokens which will be used at the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel, "The meaning of membership in the Society of Friends", was presented to the meeting for consideration.

George Selleck spoke of the early days of the Society when there was no list of members. You were a member if you attended meeting. He asked if it would be worth while today to drop our list of members and only count those who attend as members.

W. Carlton Jones felt that we should have a membership list in order that we may feel a tangible relationship.

J. Floyd Moore spoke on so called active or non-active Friends. He said that actually there is no such thing as an active or non-active Friend.

J. Franklin Pines said many are just names on the list and membership is not vital as it was with early Friends. Would the members, if faced with the persecution of their standards, face up to them or not? That, he said, is the true test of membership. We must have strong testimony through our lives.

Marjorie Kaufman mentioned that actually it is not always easy to be a Friend.

W. Carlton Jones asked "What is our church for?" Is it to be a mission to help others including the weaker members.

Due to the lateness of the hour the discussion on the topic was concluded.

The Queries on Ministry and

Counsel were read and considered.

The following Committee was appointed to bring a name for Clerk of Ministry and Counsel for the coming year.

J. Franklin Pinco, Annie S. Hernier

As the time for meeting for worship is at hand we conclude purposing to meet in 8th month at Lynn.

Alfred Lee
Clerk.

Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel met at Lynn, Eighth Month 20, 1955.

In absence of the Clerk, Franklin Pinco was asked to serve.

Minutes of Meeting held at Amesbury Fifth Month 21, read and approved.

Representatives to this meeting are:

Lynn — Corrine Foster
Lucretia Moore
Grace Le Gro
John Mader

Amesbury — Mary F. Blair
Marion E Kelsey

Ware — Winslow Osborne
Ruth Osborne

Lawrence —

Cambridge — Franklin Satterthwaite
Franklin Pinco

Annie S. Dernier reported for the Committee appointed to nominate a Clerk for the ensuing year. Alfred Lee is willing to ~~[illegible]~~ serve for another year providing an Assistant Clerk is appointed to

take over whenever Alfred Lee's work makes it impossible for him to attend. Franklin Pines has agreed to serve as Assistant Clerk if desired and the Nominating Committee so recommends. Approved.

Winslow Osborne introduced Harry and Elizabeth Lee and their daughters, Anne and Susan, members of the Luton and Leighton Monthly Meeting of England. They were cordially welcomed.

Representatives to the Yearly Meeting were asked to report. James Wild reported a very good session but noted the stated subject did not get attention until near the end of the meeting. Emphasis was laid on the fact that 1956 would be the 300th anniversary of the coming of Quakers to New England and should be fittingly observed. Carlton Jones reported the meeting was well attended & of great help. Milton Hadley mentioned that the subject suggested for the next year is, "What Is Included In 'State of Society' Reports?" and that one group in the Seminars to be held in November would consider "The Work

of Elders." It behooves each Monthly Meeting to have members of their Ministry and Counsel Committee in attendance. James Wild raised the question, in the light of experience, "Is it always wise to plan the subject for discussion a whole year in advance The Holy Spirit may lead to discussion of another subject."

Milton Hadley mentioned the pamphlet on The Quaker Faith prepared and distributed by the Yearly Meeting, which had two important purposes: 1- To remind Friends of the basis of our faith, and, 2- to inform non-Friends who were interested in learning about it. He urged that supplies be secured from the Cambridge office and used, making definite visits to persons in the area of our Meetings who might be interested. Amesbury and Lynn representatives reported use of the booklets by their Meetings.

The Queries for Meetings on Ministry and Counsel were read and given prayerful thought.

No further business appearing, we conclude by saying to meet in 10th Month at Ware.

J. Franklin Pyne
Assistant Clerk

Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel met at North Weare in the Federated Church 10th month 16, 1955.

The minutes of the meeting held at Lynn in 8th month were read and approved.

The following representatives were named to attend this meeting.

Lynn: J. Floyd Moore
W. Carlton Jones
Grace Le Gro
~~Stanley B~~

Amesbury: Marion Kelsey
Mary F. Blair

No. Weare: No official notification but Henry Osborne and others were in attendance

Cambridge: Notification didn't arrive but Franklin Pm ~~James Wald~~ and others were in attendance

Lawrence: Alfred Lee

J. Floyd Moore extended an invitation to all to attend the meeting; to be held 10th month 17 at Lynn and 10th month 18 at Cambridge

when Gilbert Kilpack of Pendle Hill will speak on "Spiritual Foundations of Friends Meetings"

Franklin Pines spoke on "Enriching the Spiritual Life of the Meeting" and suggested that during the year of 1956, meetings on Ministry and Counsel devote much time in their local meetings to this purpose. It was noted in this connection that at the present time small groups of Cambridge Friends are meeting in different homes and discussing various subjects of their own choosing.

In anticipation of the coming 300th anniversary of the ~~coming~~ arrival of the first Quakers to New England, it was suggested that someone investigate the Peabody Museum in Salem, Mass. to see if there is any display of early Quakerism. J. Floyd Moore will ask Annie Dermer to find someone in Lynn who would be interested in finding this information.

Franklin Pines reported on the recent acceptance of the property in Deerfield, mass, now called "Woolman Hill." The property was accepted with the purpose

that it be used for Quaker ideals and concerns and would be patterned after Pendle Hill.

Russell Brooks has been named Executive Secretary and he should be contacted if any meeting wants information or desires to use its facilities for purposes of seminars, retreats, etc. Woolman Hill will be available to all Friends groups, and it is hoped that full advantage will be take of the spacious quarters and beautiful grounds.

There being no further business coming before us, we conclude purposing to meet in first month 1956 at Cambridge.

Alfred Lee
Clerk

Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel met at Cambridge First month 21st, 1956

The minutes of the previous meeting held at North Weare were read and approved.

The following representatives were named to attend this meeting:

From Amesbury: Ernest Ainsworth, Edward Averill

From Cambridge: Amelia Emerson, Franklin Pinco, George Selleck, Ethel Amory

From Lynn: James Toothaker, Grace Atkins, Annie S. Hornor

From Lawrence: Alfred Lee

All were present except four.

A discussion was opened relative to the Adult Education programs in the Quarter.

Several groups are still meeting in Cambridge. George Selleck is leading a discussion on Quaker Principles and Traditions. In this connection Ethel Amory noted that even those Friends who are unable to attend the meetings are helped by knowing that something is

being done for London education.

The value of meeting in small groups is also recognized by Lynn meeting which is planning to have groups meet soon. George Selleck mentioned that he received the inspiration for this type of meeting by reading the concern presented to London Yearly Meeting. The committee which prepared the report felt that the meetings were too large and should be broken down into smaller fellowship groups. In this way they arranged to spend time together in worship and study.

Ethel Emery spoke of the value in starting small groups. She felt that it would create bonds between individuals and between meetings.

Carlton Jones spoke of the Bible Study Groups being held in Lynn under the leadership of Floyd Moore. It was noted that among those in attendance are people from several different denominations in Lynn. This presents an opportunity for Lynn meeting to help others to understand Quakerism better. There is evidence

in these meetings of a searching for a [redacted] searching for a deeper experience for the individual life

Milton Hadley spoke of the coming 300th anniversary of the landing of the first Quakers in New England. The ships landed in July, probably on the 11th, in 1656.

It is hoped that individual meetings will have some observance of the event.

It was also suggested that Ruth Osborne be asked if a part of pagent to be presented at the Yearly Meeting sessions could be given at the Quarterly Meeting in Amesbury in Fifth Month.

George Selbck recommended a book for children around 12 years of age, entitled "Grey Bonnets". It is a very descriptive story of the first Quakers in New England

Ethel Amory and W. Carlton Jones were appointed as a committee to bring a name for clerk of ministry and counsel for the coming year, and also to bring names of representatives for Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel

The Minutes were read and considered.

Alfred Lee
clerk.

Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel met at Amesbury Fifth month 19, 1956.

The minutes of the previous meeting held at Cambridge on Fourth month were read and approved

The following representatives were named to attend this meeting.

From Cambridge Marjorie Eastman, Gertrude Smith, Franklin Jones

From Amesbury: Ernest Ainsworth, Elizabeth P. Powles, Mary F. Blair

From Lynn: Grace Atkins, Grace LeBee, George Welly, W. Carlton Jones.

From Lawrence: James Pearson, Betty Smith, Alfred Lee

No representatives were named from North Weare. All were present with the exception of four.

It was good to have so many in attendance who had not been named as representatives.

Encouraging reports were given by the different meetings, relative to the Adult education program.

Lynn reports a prayer group which meets

in different homes every other week. Lynn also held a Peace Study group under the leadership of James Toothaker, which drew young people from the greater Lynn area. This group is planning on continuing their study in the Fall.

Cambridge reported on a group that was meeting in Wellesley in addition to smaller discussion groups which were meeting in Cambridge. Plans are to continue these discussion groups in the fall.

Dorothy Averill stated that Amesbury meeting is starting a discussion of the Queries at Monthly Meetings. They further plan for Fall Studies using material prepared by the Five Years meeting on Peace and Social Concerns. Alice Whitten Jones will open these meetings.

Milton Hadley continued the discussion of these groups and their value. He attended recently a meeting of some cell groups where there are 16 groups, of approximately 12 persons each, meeting regularly. Each cell group meets

when convenient each week, some being early in the day about 9 o'clock in the morning. He said that it seems to take a full year to really get down to feeling a real value.

This information was well received and should help us in our future plans for group meetings.

Chester Smith expressed a concern to help other meetings, especially those that do not have leadership. Also to give assistance to young people relative to the conscription requirements and information on alternate service and conscientious objections, together with the responsibilities we have toward our city, state and country and their laws. He further stated that our Government places great stress on the military in their literature but gives no information whereby young men may serve in another way. He concluded that ours should be an outgoing service and not wait for the young people to come to us and have to ask for it.

Milton Hadley also expressed a concern

specifically for the South Pittsfield meeting, if there was any hope for its continuance. We recognized that many young people who used to attend the meeting are being cared for in other churches, but suggested that we find out if we have a responsibility.

Gertrude Smith inquired if the South Pittsfield Meeting was opened in the summer. It was the feeling that it would not be opened unless some special arrangements were made.

Marion Kelsey said that if the South Pittsfield Meeting was opened again there would have to be concerted action and assistance from the Quarterly Meeting. She suggested that the concern be brought before the body of the Quarterly Meeting.

Milton Hadley suggested that six (6) people be named as a committee to look into the situation. Three to be named from our meeting on Ministry and Counsel and three named by the body of the Quarterly Meeting.

It was agreed that a minute be prepared for the business session and that the following be named from this meeting: Franklin Jones

Betty Smith and Marion Kelsey.

The representatives to attend Yearly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel are James Wilde, Chester Smith, Floyd Moore, Winslow Osborne.

N. Carlton Jones reported that Franklin Pierce accepts the appointment as clerk of this meeting.

The Queries were read and considered. There being no further time available we conclude for purposing to meet in Lynn in 8th month.

Alfred Lee
Clerk

The following minute was presented to the Quarterly Meeting Clerk.

"In response to a concern for the South Pittsfield, N. H. Meeting, a preparatory meeting of the Comonbing Monthly Meeting, it is suggested that a committee of six (6) be appointed to work with the people of South Pittsfield relative to the continuance of the meeting there.

Three members of Ministry and Counsel

have been appointed as part of this Committee namely: Franklin Sines, Betty Smith and Marion Kelsey – with the expectation that the Quarterly Meeting will co-operate by naming three others to this committee.

Alfred Lee
Clerk of M & C.

Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel met at Lynn on Eighth Month 18, 1956

The minutes of the previous meeting held at Amesbury in Fifth Month were read and approved.

The following representatives were named to attend this meeting:

From Amesbury: Marion Kelsey and John Fulton
" Cambridge: James W. Wild, Henry H. Perry and Celia L. Carpenter
" Lawrence: Alfred Lee and Ruth Mellor
" Lynn: Grace P. Atkins, Florence Aldrich and John N. Mader
" Ware: None All present but three.

Reports were heard from representatives to Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel. James W. Wild spoke of the three regional schools held for officers of Monthly Meetings. He reported the question was raised whether reports on Spiritual Condition of Meetings should be sent to Clerk of the Yearly Meeting or to the Clerk of Ministry and Counsel of Yearly Meeting. The Discipline states clearly they should

~~Ethel Conroy opposed~~

be sent to the former. A concern was expressed at Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel about Associate Members of the Local Meetings and what could be done about getting them to become Active Members at the proper time. A committee was appointed to study this matter, (which seemed to be a concern with all meetings) and to report at next Yearly Meeting session. A concern was also raised about the spiritual condition of the Yearly Meeting as a whole.

~~Floyd~~ Moore reported on the Quakerama and said the pageant gave us all a real challenge as to the place of Quakerism in New England today and what impress we, as Quakers, are making on our respective communities

Alfred Lee expressed a concern that young Associate Members be encouraged to consider Active Membership at an age earlier than 17 or 18, as had been mentioned earlier. Carlton Jones approved the suggestion of Alfred Lee and testified of the important

impress made on young minds at a much earlier age.

Milton Hadley spoke of a Meeting's responsibility for its inactive membership, absentee as well as associate, and the need for an active training program and for personal interviews.

Henry Perry spoke of the experience of the Cambridge Meeting in this difficult concern for absentee and associate members. He felt young persons should be accepted as Active Members at any age they expressed the desire. He said a child should have a sense of "belonging" and, if accepted, is more likely to mature into a truly active member. The Cambridge committee is still studying the problem.

Lloyd Moore concurred and pointed out the fallacy of asking young people to "wait until they fully understand" before taking on the responsibility of active membership.

Annie Dearmea raised the question of absentee members who expressed the desire to be retained in the membership. Discussion brought the concern that all members

should be retained if at all possible and that each case must have prayerful consideration and be decided on its merits.

James Wild reported that Cambridge Meeting presented a book to Associate Members from time to time.

Alfred Lee reported the Lawrence Meeting has a course of study for young members and has a committee with whom such young members may consult.

Annie Dennis reported Lynn was dealing with young members continually on a personal interview basis.

Henry Perry reported that a concern had been expressed to him by a person attending Yearly Meeting that some at Yearly Meeting were allowing the Fellowship Worship Groups to reduce the spirit of worship which should pervade all the meetings and sessions for business

Deep appreciation was expressed by all for the fine years of service rendered by Alfred Lee

Adjourned, purposing to meet at Lawrence Tenth Month 20th — Franklin Pines, Clerk

Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel met at Lawrence on Tenth Month 20th 1956

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. (Held at Lynn in Eight Month)

The following representatives were appointed:

From Amesbury: Marian Kelsey and Ernest Ainsworth
" Cambridge: James Wild, Marjory Laufman, Franklin Dix
" Lawrence: Betty Smith, Alfred Lee, James Parsons
" Lynn: Floyd Moore, Jos Foothaker, Carlton Jones.
" Ware: No report received.

Alfred Lee expressed interest in further consideration of what was being done by the several Meetings in the field of education. He reported that the Lawrence Meeting has been using a study course prepared by Milton Hadley in their regular Bible School and also have a special course for young people to prepare them for active membership in the Meeting.

Carlton Jones reported the Lynn Meeting was giving thought along the line of a special course of instruction but nothing definite had developed up to date.

Betty Smith stated the Lawrence Meeting had some Associate Members

who were very active in Meeting affairs and were carrying real responsibilities but refrained from taking status as Active Members because they are not in unity on the Friends Peace Testimony.

George Sellock reminded us that Associate Membership was, according to the Discipline, for children until such time as they were mature enough to make decision and not intended as a limited membership for adults.

Margery Lanfman reported that Cambridge was giving a great deal of thought to the problem of getting Associate Members to make decision but no definite plan had yet evolved for united effort. Individuals are writing to and visiting with Associate Members.

A general discussion of what to do when Associate Members choose to refrain from taking Active Membership or pay no attention to communications on the matter. Geo. Sellock suggested that some believed a child raised in

a Friends Meeting might return to Friends at a later date if kept on the membership list.

Floyd Moore reported that two definite projects had been tried at Lynn. (1) Tried to get all young people together for a dinner meeting — College and H. S. ages. — and keeping in contact with those who were away. (2) Tried to organize a group of attenders who were logical prospects for membership for study of the Discipline. Only three persons showed any interest.

Alfred Lee reported Lawrence had a special group for study of the Discipline during the Bible School hour.

Alfred inquired about the decision of the committee on the Pittsfield Meeting.

Franklin Pines reported Elizabeth Peasley's assurance they were no parents of the children in the Bible School who could be looked to for guidance and that all the children were now being served by the Baptist Church, having been absorbed into the Junior choir. Other members of the Committee, having made further investigation concurred and reported the Meeting must

be considered laid down for the present. A question as to the care of the Meeting House, its upkeep or disposal, was raised and further investigation on this point was promised.

Marion Kelsey raised the question of requiring acceptance of the peace testimony as a basis for membership and considerable developed concern that the spirit of the person be of more importance than acceptance of any specific bases.

James Southaker expressed concern that the Peace Testimony be upheld as basic to the Friends tradition and belief.

Alfred Lee suggested there were many who believed the acceptance of the Peace Testimony by Friends in general was important but were not sure they could live up to it fully themselves. The acceptance of such honest doubters into membership might well help them to grow personally and strengthen them in their individual position.

Carlton Jones suggested the matter is an individual responsibility and the fact of "belonging" would be very helpful to the individual and serve to strengthen him.

Chester Smith felt the ideal is for prospective members to be in peace in their own minds with the standards of Friends but the more advanced positions are a matter of education and we have a responsibility for helping develop individuals. Acceptance into membership as one desiring to grow in strength is a basis for such educational influence by the Meeting.

Floyd Moore called attention to the fact our strong position on war was not matched by other equally important positions of Friends, e.g. the race question. In the latter, Meetings have tended to accept the mores of the community until we find Friends Meetings in the South taking as positive a stand on segregation and its desirability as any other members of the community. He mentioned the Meeting at High Point N. Car. as one of the largest and strongest of Friends Meetings

(membership of over 800, many wealthy — just built a ½ million dollar Meeting House, etc.) and yet they wrote a strong protest on the work the AFSC was doing on the Race situation in the South. The new members in such Meetings had not been challenged with the Race issue but they were on the Peace issue, yet both are important expressions of Friends testimony.

The time for adjournment having arrived, the Meeting closed with a brief period of silence, purposing to meet again at Cambridge on Seventh Day, First Month 19th, 1957.

Franklin Price, Clerk.

Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel met at Cambridge on First Month 19th, 1935

Minutes of the previous meeting held in Lawrence were read and approved.

The following representatives were named to attend this meeting:

Amesbury: Edw. Averill, Ernest Ainsworth and John Folsom

Cambridge: Nora Fairbank, Ethel Emory, Marjorie Lanpher, George Selleck, Henry Perry and Franklin Pinco

Lawrence: Alfred Lee

Lynn: Grace Pattison, James Tomlinson and W. Carlton Jones.

Ware: No report.

Committee appointed to bring in names, at the next meeting in Amesbury, for: 1-Clerk for ensuing year, and 2-Representative to Yearly Meeting, Ministry and Counsel. James Wild, convener; Ethel Emory and James Tomlinson.

Queries for Committee on Ministry and Counsel were read and considered in silence.

Franklin Pinco reported the Directors of Woolman Hill were planning to encourage

Monthly Meetings in the New England and New York Yearly Meetings to plan programs for growth of their members to meet at Woodbrooke Hall for unhurried searching of the Queries, answers to, written out by individuals after meditation and discussion, and, if the group desired, a set of answers formulated by the group.

Nora Fairbank suggested the Queries must be answered afresh each time and there was danger of written answers crystalizing things too much.

George Selleck said it was formerly the practice to make written or vocal answers to the Queries and some Meetings still do so. Some Meetings found the practice quite helpful (but in other Meetings, answers have tended to become stereotyped. We must keep Queries fresh. For those not used to giving written or vocal answers to the Queries, the experience may not be very helpful.

Algeth Lee felt we do not go over the Queries often enough or seriously enough. Only occasional reading in a Meeting. He said "Do you always strive so to live that you will have a "Conscience void of

offense toward God and man"? as a most soul-searching question. Facing it honestly in these days of Lenten would mean a spiritual struggle which would be most helpful.

Gertrude Smith felt that answering should always be individual and personal and she saw no value in trying to formulate written answers.

Upon suggestion of Jane Wood, Edw Mansi[illegible] of New Haven was welcomed as a visitor and invited to participate in the Meeting if so inclined.

Milton Hadley felt our standard of measurement as to value was important. The true value from making written answers would be in what a Meeting was doing to help the members improve their answers. He said some persons felt the N.E. Queries were quite long and complicated and therefore perhaps indicative to evasion. He reported the Pocket Tract Committee had just had 5000 copies of the Queries printed and these could be had free. Wide distribution and more serious consideration by many members would improve the answers, especially if the group was ministering to the needs of the various ages in the

membership. Such action would be in line with the Yearly Meeting subject for 1957 and he hoped study might improve techniques of considering and answering.

Carlton Jones reported Lynn considered 2 or 3 Queries during Sunday morning worship service to reach more members than those who came to Quarterly or Yearly Meetings. It is an individual responsibility but group consideration would be helpful and should be given greater consideration by membership.

Henry Perry called attention to the fact that orginally the Queries had two purposes. 1st The answering by individual members and by the group for spiritual growth. 2nd Meetings in England and the Colonies were widely separated, communication difficult and infrequent. Queries and answers served to bring together at Yearly Meeting the growing ideas and served as a measure of how much the Meetings were in unity. As time went on, the formulation of answers was left

to two or three members and tended to become merely a rephrasing of same thoughts and became stereotyped. At present, the Report on the Spiritual Condition of the Meeting is really an answer to the Queries and is subject to the same dangers of becoming set and trite. Perhaps the best results would be achieved if each individual set down in writing his own answers.

James Boorthaker felt exploration could be made by such a Meeting approach and that possible changes in the Queries themselves might sometimes result. He felt the main problem was How can we make more people sensitive to the value of the Queries for themselves

Ethel Crosby reported that one group in the Cambridge Meeting has been studying the Queries.

The hour having arrived for the Quarterly Meeting for Worship, we closed with a period of silence, purposing to meet again at Amesbury on Fifth Month 18th, 1957

Franklin Sims
Clerk

Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel met 5th month 18, 1957 at Amesbury.

In the absence of the regular clerk, Alfred Lee was asked to serve.

The minutes of the previous meeting held in Cambridge 15th month 19, 1957 were read and approved.

The following representatives were named to attend this meeting:

Lynn: Grace Le Gro, W. Carleton Jones, Annie Sermes.

Amesbury: Ernest Ainsworth, Edward Averill

Cambridge: Marjorie Kaufman, George Selleck, Gertrude F. Smith

Lawrence: James Pearson, Alfred Lee

Weare: No report

Since our present minute book will need to be replaced soon, it was agreed that a new book should be purchased through the Quarterly Meeting treasurer.

In connection with our minutes, a question was raised as to where the old records of Ministry and Counsel

were kept. It was thought that they w
in the hands of the present clerk. It
was suggested, and agreed upon, that any
old Ministry and Counsel records should be
kept in the Yearly Meeting Vault at
Moses Brown School.

James Wild spoke for the nominating
committee to bring in a name for clerk of
Ministry and Counsel to replace Franklin
Pinee who has left New England for a
while. He said that the committee ha
been unable to find anyone for clerk, and
felt that they had exhausted their possibili
They asked to be relieved of any furthe
responsibility.

A suggestion that a new committee be
named to bring in a name for clerk in
8th month at Lynn.

The committee is as follows:
Marjorie Kaufman, James Pearson, Annie Sidem

George Selleck introduced a question
that had been brought up in Cambridg
meeting on Ministry and Counsel relative to
the differences in practice regarding

birthright membership when the parents are members of different monthly meetings. The question was "What meeting is the child enrolled in"? It was stated that in a particular case, the parents not only belonged to different monthly but also to different yearly meetings. It was further stated that one of the ~~monthly~~ YEARLY meetings favored enrolling the child in the meeting of the mother while the other yearly meeting favored enrolling the child in the meeting of the father. Consiquently the child was a member of both yearly meetings.

Milton Hadley among others felt that it should be the decision of the parents to decide to which meeting the child would be named. Another thought was that the child should be enrolled in the meeting which the family regularly attends. Many present felt that this was a favorable way.

It was agreed that ~~the~~ our representatives to Yearly meeting on Ministry and Counsel bring this question before the body

for discussion and recommendations so that we in New England Yearly Meeting would be of one accord on this question.

A letter from Ethel Amory in connection with Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel was read. It suggested that representatives to Yearly Meeting give serious thought to the many aspects of associate membership. The following questions are given for consideration:

1. "At what age might we expect boys and girls to begin to feel ready for full membership?"

2. "What steps should the Meetings on Ministry and Counsel take, and what steps are they taking, to lead associate members to such a state of readiness?"

3. "Should there be an age at which associate members who show no interest in changing to full membership, be removed from the Monthly Meeting list?"

Annie Hermes felt that associate members should not be dropped without exhaustive attempts to bring them into active membership.

many other expressions were given relative to the proper age for membership. Some felt that the High School age was the formative period, while some others thought that probably 8 to 12 years of age was formative also. It was pointed out that many churches of various denominations think that when children reach the age of 12 years they should seriously consider church membership. Others who spoke on this question were George Selleck, Milton Hadley and James Toothaker.

Verna Toothaker felt that associate membership gives the child a feeling of being a part of the meeting and later gives them an opportunity to make their own decision. She also felt that even at 12 years the child doesn't always really know the true significance of membership.

Gertrude Smith read a portion of a statement from London Yearly Meeting in our "Faith and Practice" on this subject.

The following were named as representatives to Yearly Meeting

Cambridge. James Wild, Gertrude Smith.
The other meeting, had not named their
representatives but will notify later.

There being no further time availab
we close proposing to meet in Lynn
in 8th month

Alfred Lee
Clerk for the day

Francis B. Riggs - 23 Coolidge Hill Rd. Cambr.
Henry H Perry - 50 Congress St. Boston 2
Ruth Mellor - 189 Hampshire St Medford
Stephen Rushmore - 570 Commonw. Ave. Boston

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